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All smiles from physiotherapist Fred Street as goalkeeper Pat Jennings gets a tune-up in the treatment room.

EVER wondered what goes on behind the scenes in the build-up to a big match? Well, this week 'Match' columnist Graham Rix brings you a fascinating day by day account of how Arsenal prepared for their most important match of the season to date — the FA Cup Quarter-Final clash with Aston Villa at Highbury.

DIARY

THE build-up started at Highbury. With no midweek game, we had a free week to concentrate solely on the job in hand, and coach Don Howe planned to make the most of it.

While skipper David O'Leary continued his fight for fitness in the treatment room, the senior squad, along with some of the apprentices, went into the gym for warming-up exercises before a morning five-a-side competition.

We have a regular five-a-side session most weeks, with the young 'uns taking on the old 'uns and, with so many youngsters at the club, I

find myself among the old stagers!

George Wood usually plays in goal for the young 'uns. Then there's Chris Whyte, Stewart Robson, Raphael Meade, Kenny Sansom, John Devine and David O'Leary.

Naturally John Hollins leads the old 'uns, along with myself (that's a cheek), Pat Jennings, Alan Sunderland, Brian Talbot, Tony Woodcock and Vladimir Petrovic.

And I can tell you it gets a bit hairy sometimes when the fur starts flying and tempers get frayed.

We had the afternoon off so I went home to spend a few hours in bed, which is my favourite pastime.

Most of the players relax in the afternoons, although I don't believe 'Noddy' Talbot ever goes to bed. He seems to have energy to burn.

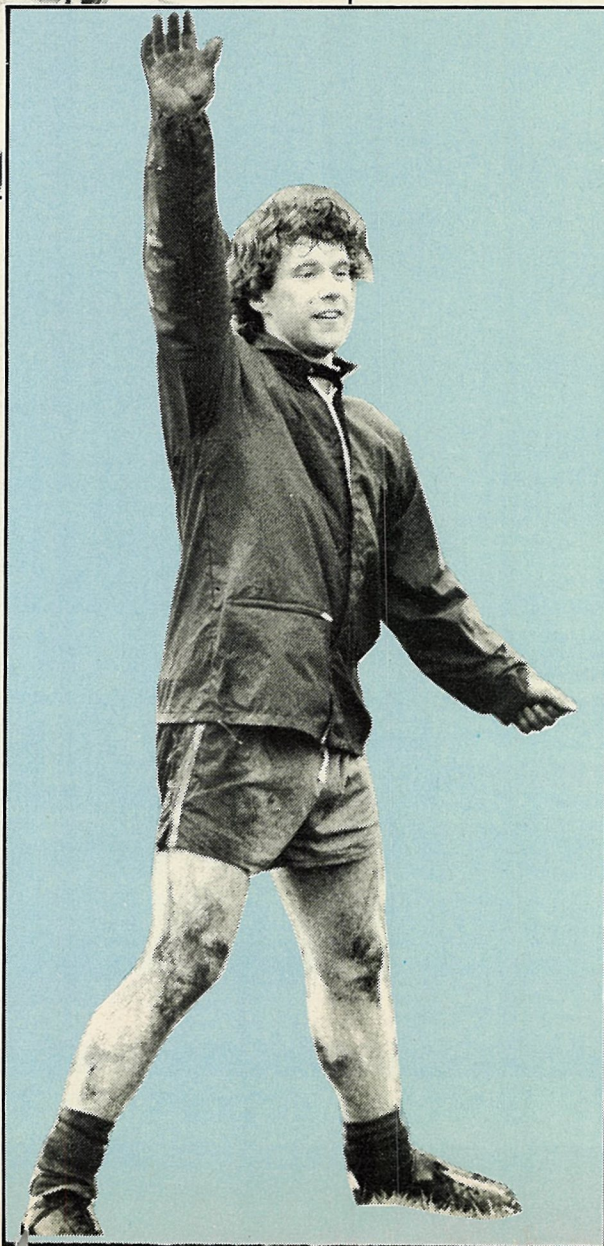
WE reported to the training ground at London Colney where we were to spend three of the next four days. We spent most of the time practicing crossing and shooting with goalkeepers Pat Jennings and George Wood taking turns in goal.

While we are involved in other routines, Pat and George get expert coaching from former Scotland and Arsenal 'keeper Bob Wilson, who works with them at least two mornings a week.

We were off again in the afternoon, so it was home to relax, although it was difficult to switch off from the Villa game ahead.

WE all had the day off so I decided to have a family day out to London Zoo. I must admit it was as tiring as playing a match with little daughter Jenny more intent on trying to catch pigeons than looking at the lions and tigers. I might as well have taken her to Trafalgar Square!

Left: Striker Tony Woodcock — a regular winner of the 'worst player of the game award' in training.



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OF A GUNNER

IT was back to London Colney. Most of the talk was now about the Villa game and one could sense that everyone realised the importance of the occasion. It would be a long hard few months if we were to be knocked out.

We spent half an hour in a three-a-side game on a small pitch and that's tough because you are on the go all the time. Then it was back to shooting, heading and crossing. Mind you, we don't score that many.

We finished around 1.30 pm and then it was home and, yes you've guessed it, a few hours' rest, but it was getting more difficult to relax with the game getting so close.

DAVID O'Leary joined us at the training ground for the first time, and I thought he was going to make it.

We had a fairly light training session, starting with two players trying to win the ball from the rest of us, who were in a circle.

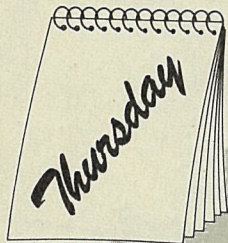
Then it was the weekly five-a-side battle and us old 'uns were a disgrace, going down 6-0. Don Howe refereed the match and that's a major task in itself with players steaming in. We had some stick from the youngsters, and things got a bit out of hand at times.

We have a 'worst player of the game' award, and Tony Woodcock has picked that up several times. He thinks we have a vendetta against him, but that's not true.

The importance of the game was emphasised by the fact that we had to report that evening to England's former hotel at West Lodge Park, which is only about five minutes' drive from my home. We don't usually stay in a hotel before a home match, but manager Terry Neill wanted us all together.

I met my room-mate Kenny Sansom at the hotel around 7 pm and we had a few tonics and a chat about the match before dinner at 7.30 pm.

There were the usual bouts of mickey-taking, with myself the ringleader, while the players tucked into their chicken, steak or fish.



Most of the players retired to their rooms around 9 pm. I had a sleeping pill because I like to get an uninterrupted night's rest. After watching television for about an hour, I dozed off and didn't wake until 10.30 am the following morning.

WHEN I woke I had to give Kenny a call as he was still in the land of nod. Most of the players don't stir before 11 am, although Vladimir Petrovic and Brian Talbot made breakfast.

I had my normal pre-match meal of beans on toast around 11.30 am. Some of the others have scrambled or poached eggs, cornflakes and even chocolate.

Then it was back to our rooms to watch our Highbury mate Bob Wilson on 'Football Focus.' We give him quite a bit of stick during the week. I'm always telling him the programme is useless, but I'm only kidding.

We reported at Highbury around 1.30 pm. The crowds were already beginning to build up and the tension was mounting. I felt more nervous than usual because it was such a big match.

Terry Neill came into the dressing room, told us that David O'Leary hadn't made it and announced the team.

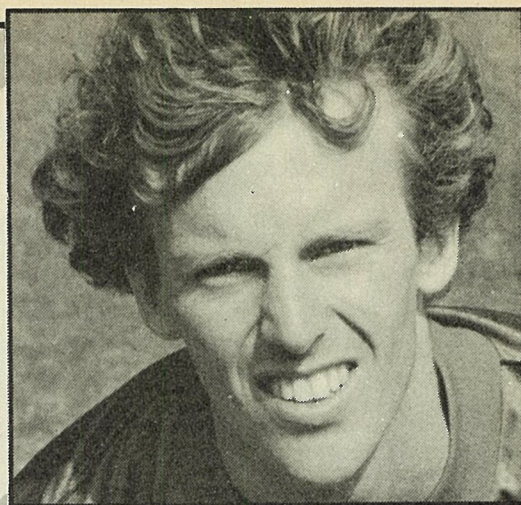
We went into the gym about an hour before the kick-off to go through some set piece movements and exercises. That helped to take the pressure off the players a little.

Then it was back to the dressing room to get changed into the match kit.

I could sense the determination and tension among the players. I had my usual warm bath and went through my stretching and bending exercises before getting ready. I like to take my time and I'm not usually ready until five minutes before kick-off.

Some players react differently. David O'Leary, for instance, is usually changed by 2 pm, while Brian Talbot casually walks into the dressing room about 2.30 without a care in the world.

We had our final instructions. The players went round each other wishing them all the



Graham Rix — takes you behind the scenes as Arsenal prepare for FA Cup victory.

best and getting them wound up, and then it was down the tunnel for the fray.

Peter Nicholas set the tone with a first minute crunching challenge against Des Bremner and that underlined our determination.

We hustled and hustled Villa in the first half and were full value for our 2-0 win. Peter Nicholas, Stewart Robson, Chris Whyte and Paul Davis were superb as the backbone of the team.

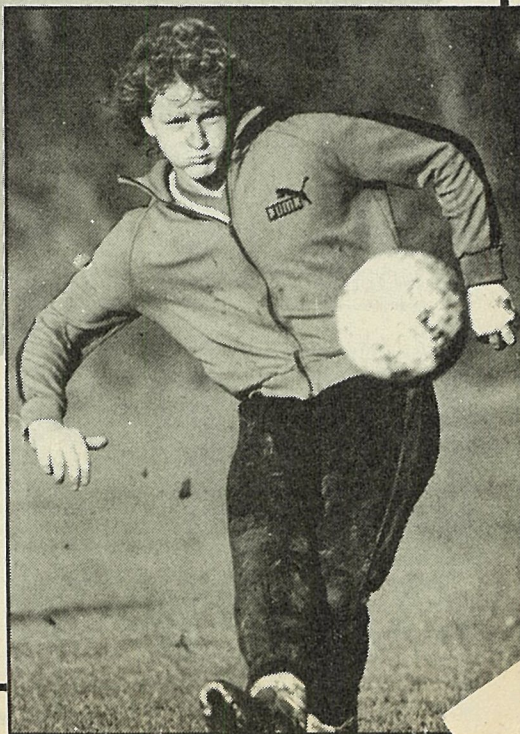
And so on to another Semi-Final confrontation against Manchester United.

It would be hiding the truth if we said we weren't disappointed with the draw.

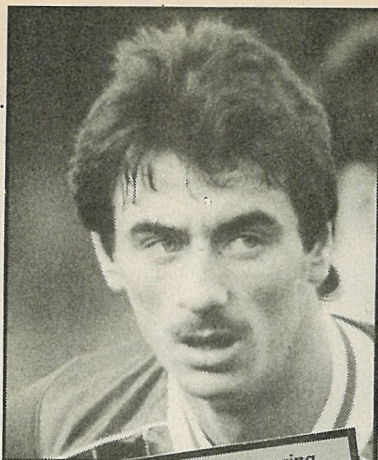
But I don't believe we can plunge to the depths of our Milk Cup home performance when we crashed 4-2.

Graham Rix

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.



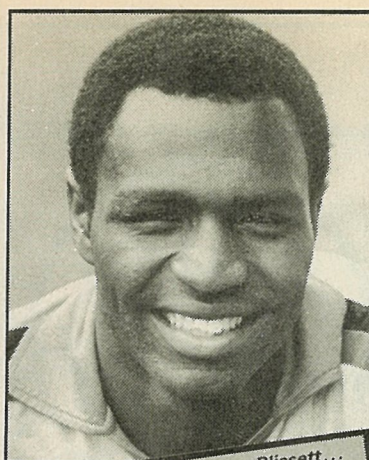
Right: Peter Nicholas turns on the style in training — he was to put the hard work to superb use against Villa.



Will it be Liverpool's Welsh scoring ace Ian Rush... who is topping the Anfield scoring charts once again?



Will it be new England and Manchester United captain Bryan Robson... one of the best all round players in Europe?



Will it be Watford's Luther Blissett... England hat-trick hero against Luxembourg and scourge of First Division defences?



Will it be Celtic's scoring sensation Charlie Nicholas, the top scorer in British football with more than thirty goals?

NAME YOUR MAN OF THE YEAR

WHO'LL be the next soccer star on 'Match Weekly's' Roll of Honour?

In 1981 it was Aston Villa's young striker Gary Shaw. Last year it was Tottenham and England favourite Glenn Hoddle.

So who will be the 1983 Match Weekly 'Man of the Year'? The search is on for the winner, and we want you, the readers, to select him.

Over the next few weeks you will have the chance to nominate the player you think has done most for the game this season, and you could be the lucky person to present our 'Man of the Year' plaque to the winner of our poll if your entry coupon is picked out.

You may again choose one of our regular 'Match' columnists.

Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness, for instance, who has been the midfield inspiration in the relentless Anfield machine. Or maybe Manchester United's England winger Steve Coppell who has been outstanding in the club's successful campaigns this season.

Then there's Aberdeen's Scotland winger, Gordon Strachan, the bright star in the Scottish club's bid to reach the European Cup Winners' Cup Final for the first time in their history.

The choice is absolutely endless. Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush, the goal-hungry Liverpool spearhead, must have strong claims for the honour, or you might vote for England's new skipper Bryan Robson, probably the most complete footballer in the country.

What about England hat-trick hero Luther Blissett, a key figure in the Watford success story, and

Swansea's Bob Latchford, once more among the goals despite the Welsh club's relegation battle.

In the Second Division, Leicester's Gary Lineker and Fulham's Gordon Davies are once more among the goals, while further down the Leagues, strikers like Reading's Kerry Dixon, Lincoln's Derek Bell, Portsmouth's Alan Biley and Cardiff's Jeff Hemmerman have been finding the net with considerable regularity.

But when it comes to scoring goals you can look no further than to Celtic's wonder boy Charlie Nicholas who has already topped the thirty mark this season, and Dundee United's Davie Dodds has also been among the goals.

It's up to you to make your choice. Just fill in the coupon

below stating your choice for 'Man of the Year' and say why you believe he should win the award (in not more than twenty words).

Add your name and address, cut out the coupon, and send it off to: 'Man of the Year', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

We'll be publishing some of your comments and there'll be other chances to cast your vote in the April 9 and April 16 issues of the magazine.

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RANGERS' shock signing Sandy Clark insists: "I wouldn't have left West Ham for any other club in Britain."

The Scottish striker, who only moved to Upton Park from Airdrie in the close season, has returned north of the border to try and help revive the flagging fortunes of his boyhood idols.

Sandy says: "I would have loved to have stayed at West Ham for two or three years and then moved to Rangers, but there was no guarantee I'd ever get a chance to go to Ibrox again.

"The opportunity was simply too good for me to miss. It has always been my ambition to play for Rangers."

Sandy, who cost £150,000, knows that he's joining the Glasgow giants at a difficult time in their history. The club have come in for a lot of criticism as they have failed to live up to the high expectations of the fans this season.

'I BELONG TO GLASGOW'

CLARK MAKES DREAM MOVE TO RANGERS

"Rangers are going through a transition, but they are too big a club to struggle for long. I'm convinced that next season they'll be challenging for the Premier Division title.

"In fact Rangers still have a lot to play for this season. They are still in the Scottish Cup and stand a good chance of making it to the Final."

Sandy made his Rangers debut against Motherwell at

Ibrox and he says: "Walking out into that magnificent stadium is a memory that will live with me forever.

"I'll never forget the great reception I got from the fans," says Sandy, who helped 'The Gers' to a 1-0 win.

"I was quite pleased with the way I played even though I didn't manage to get on the scoresheet. I had one shot cleared off the line and another effort well saved by their 'keeper.

"I was very nervous before the game. The two hours before kick-off seemed to last forever," adds Sandy.

The former office worker was thrown into the English First Division when West Ham manager John Lyall paid part-timers Airdrie £200,000 for their star striker. He was seen as a replacement for David Cross.

But the 26-year-old became a target of the West Ham boo-boys as he scored just seven goals in 26 League appearances.

"Those fans didn't drive me out," he says. "I was very happy at West Ham and the fact that when I left the club I was their leading scorer shows that I didn't do too badly.

"I suppose I could have won the fans over if I'd scored a few more goals, but that doesn't bother me now. My only concern is doing well with my new club.

"I've no regrets about making the move to West Ham. The club were very good to me indeed. I was sorry to leave in many ways.

"In fact I'm returning home to Scotland a better player thanks to West Ham. They are a one-touch football team and that

aspect of my game wasn't very strong.

"But manager John Lyall and his coaches took the time to work with me and I'll always be very grateful to them for that."

Even though West Ham have had an indifferent season, Sandy predicts: "They'll be a major force next term. They've got too many good players to struggle.

"John Lyall knows what he's doing and I see a very bright future for the club."

Sandy, who was the Scottish Premier Division's 'Player of the Year' in the 1979-80 season, doesn't believe there's a big gap between the top clubs in England and Scotland.

He says: "Clubs like Aberdeen, Celtic, Rangers and Dundee United would do very well in the First Division.

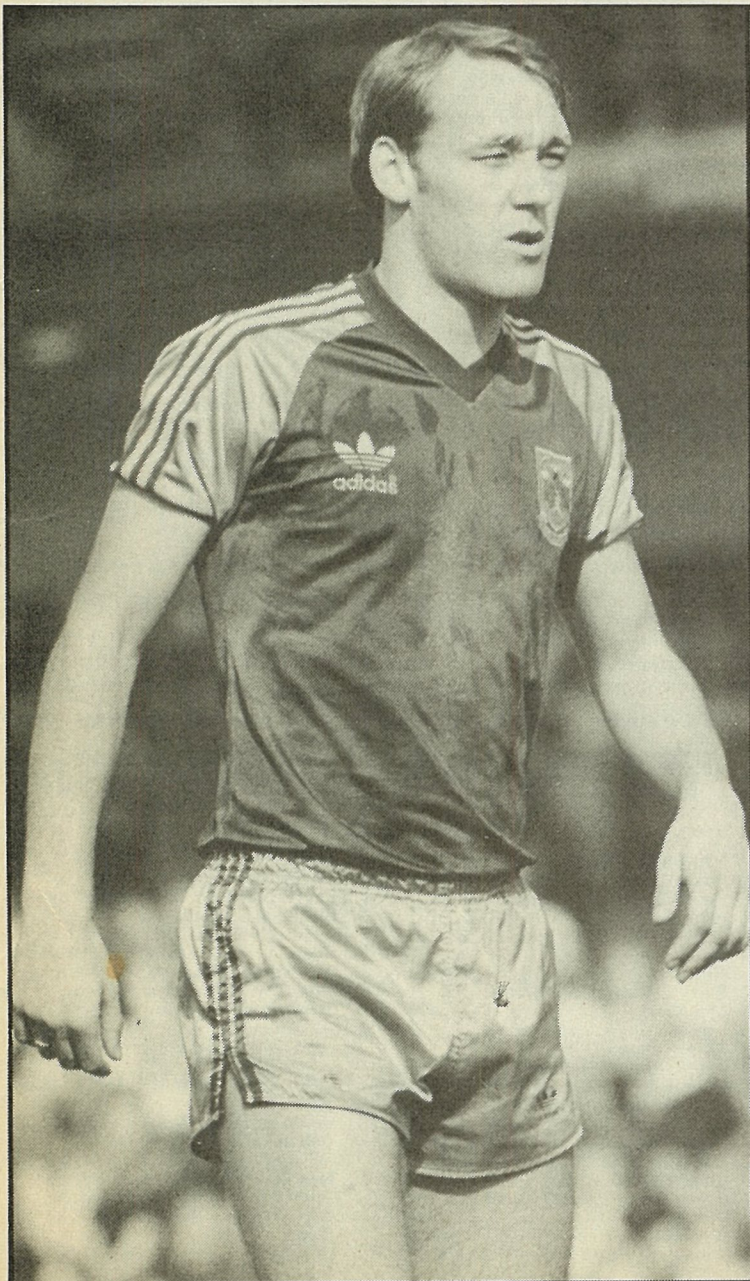
"The only difference between the two divisions is that down south you face a difficult game every week. In Scotland you get a few easy matches because the overall standard of the opposition isn't so high."

Sandy is desperate to help Rangers get back among the silverware. He explains: "I've never won a major honour with a club before.

"I've been awarded individual trophies in my career but that's not the same," says Sandy, who has signed a five-year contract with Rangers.

He is hoping that his striking partnership with young John MacDonald can help bring back the glory days to Rangers.

Sandy is now trying to sell his house in Essex before he buys a new home in the Glasgow area. He says: "I'm hoping for a quick sale. Perhaps I can persuade West Ham's new signing David Swindlehurst to buy it!"



Left: Sandy Clark — "It has always been my ambition to play for Rangers."



PORT Vale winger Steve Fox receives his Match Weekly Fourth Division 'Matchman of the Month' award from club chairman Jim Lloyd.

DID YOU KNOW?

■ **ALL** five Clarke brothers have suffered the disappointment of relegation — Allan with Fulham in 1967-68, Frank with Carlisle in 1974-75, Derek with Oxford in 1975-76, Kelvin with Walsall in 1978-79 and Wayne with Wolves last season.

■ **WITH** the exception of Arsenal, all of London's clubs have been relegated at least once in the last nine years. Arsenal have been in Division One without a break for 54 years.

■ **LIVERPOOL** have only been 'doubled' three times in the First Division in the past 12 years. Leeds did it in 1971-72, Arsenal in 1974-75 and Leicester in 1980-81.

■ **CRYSTAL Palace** goalkeeper John Phillips throws up one of the few cases in soccer history of three generations of the same family having all played with the same club. He and his father Roy and his grandfather, Seymour, all had spells with Shrewsbury.

NORMAN'S CONQUEST

ENGLAND manager Bobby Robson believes that Manchester United's young Irish striker Norman Whiteside will have a big say at Old Trafford for many years to come.

After announcing that the 17-year-old Northern Ireland World Cup star had been selected as the Robinson's Barley Water 'Young Player of the Month' for February, the England boss commented: "He is a young boy playing against men and he has performed exceptionally well against the very best of them."

"He is developing into a very good team player as well as a goalscorer and, on the evidence of the past month, has had quite a bit to do with Manchester United's marvellous results."

"If he continues in this way, he will have a big say at Old Trafford over many future years."

Bobby's predecessor, Ron Greenwood, added: "He's very deft on the ball for a big fellow — he strikes the ball well, scores exceptional goals and, above all, round the box he shows unselfishness and makes goals for other people. This I consider a great quality for such a young player."

Also singing Norman's praises was another former England manager Joe Mercer, the North

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■ **BURNLEY'S** Paul McGhee, who declined a recent approach by Gillingham, has agreed to go on loan to Irish club, Dundalk.

The former Queen's Park Rangers and Preston striker will fly over each weekend to assist the Border club's challenge for Europe next season.

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West panellist: "He has improved enormously. Before I wasn't certain, but he now looks as if he's got a bit of class. He's big and strong and all of a sudden he has acquired a feeling for the ball. He now seems more comfortable on the ball — he has become a better player," he says.

The other regional winners were: North East, Neil McDonald (Newcastle); Yorkshire, Robert Mimms (Rotherham); Midlands, Mark Walters (Aston Villa); London (North) and East Anglia, Ray Houghton (Fulham); London (South) and South, Reuben Agboola (Southampton); Wales and West, Jimmy Loveridge (Swansea).

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■ **IPSWICH** reserve striker John Linford made a bright start on loan to Third Division Southend by scoring their goal on his debut in the 1-1 draw at Orient.

But it wasn't such a happy day for Millwall's new defender Dave Cusack who was signed from Southend along with Anton Otulakowski in a £60,000 deal. He put through his own goal as Millwall went down 2-1 at home to Sheffield United.

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■ **TWO** new managers who had encouraging starts were Bournemouth's Don Megson and Rochdale's Jimmy Greenhoff.

Bournemouth welcomed the former Bristol Rovers boss with a 4-0 home defeat of Preston, while former Manchester United and Stoke star Jimmy helped his struggling side to a 4-1 home victory over Hereford.

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Barry Gallagher, Bradford City to Mansfield.
Howard Gayle, Liverpool to Birmingham.
Martin Hodge, Everton to Gillingham.
Michael Laverick, York to Huddersfield.
John Linford, Ipswich to Colchester.
Gary Locke, Chelsea to C Palace.
Paul Lodge, Everton to Rotherham.
David Madden, Southampton to Bournemouth.
Jimmy Neighbour, West Ham to Bournemouth.
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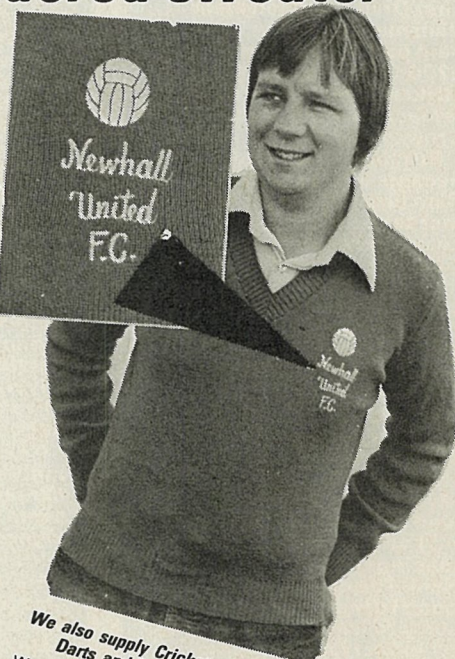
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Hans Van Breukelen — back in action after knee operation worries.

HORROR FOR HANS

**'I THOUGHT I'D
NEVER PLAY AGAIN'
— VAN BREUKELLEN**

NOTTINGHAM Forest 'keeper Hans Van Breukelen is back in action only weeks after he feared his career was over.

The Dutch international injured his knee three months ago and had a cartilage operation.

"There was no improvement after the operation and I thought I would never play again," says Hans, who joined Forest from Utrecht this season.

"But it seems all right now and I've been working very hard every morning and afternoon for the last few weeks to regain my fitness."

It was before Forest's Milk Cup tie with Brentford that Hans picked up the injury. "I was about to step into the bath when I felt my knee click," he recalls.

"It didn't seem too bad so I played in the Brentford game. But that was probably the wrong thing to do and that made it worse.

"My knee was very sore after the game and the following day, when I bent down to pick something up at home, it locked and I couldn't move my leg at all."

That happened only days before the big Nottingham derby game with County, which Hans was forced to miss. "I was very disappointed about having to miss that game because I had been looking forward to it for some time," he recalls.

Hans was admitted to hospital that weekend and underwent an operation he hoped would cure the injury.

"Although my knee was still a little sore, I thought the operation had done the trick. But after about a week, it began to swell up like a balloon," he says.

"There was a lot of fluid on the knee and I had to have another operation to clean it out. It was very frustrating because I couldn't do any exercise for a while and just had to lie there."

It wasn't until the second week of January that Hans was able to begin training. "I have been working hard ever since and, thanks to the physio staff at Forest, I think I'm now back to match fitness.

"The knee is still a little swollen but it is nothing to worry about," says Hans, who made his comeback against Ipswich last week.

"I am just happy to be playing again because, at one time, I was worried my career had come to an end."

SAINTS BE PRAISED!

SOUTHAMPTON gave a boost to the finances of neighbours Aldershot by sending their full first team to the Recreation Ground for a friendly.

The match ended in a goalless draw, but 6,000 — more than three times Aldershot's average Fourth Division gate — turned up.

Meanwhile, one of the Saints' former Continental players, full-back Ivan Golac, has joined Manchester City on loan.

The Yugoslav has been playing with Third Division Bournemouth since being released by Southampton.

LIMERICK HAND-OVER

EIRE manager Eion Hand has resigned as general boss of Limerick to concentrate on a sports business venture in Dublin with Irish and British Lions Rugby international Tony Ward.

Eion, who had three successful years at Limerick, capturing the League and the Cup, also took the side into Europe each season.

STAPLETON NEARS 'TON'

MANCHESTER United striker Frank Stapleton is all set to become the only current Republic of Ireland player to complete 100 League goals.

He moved to within two goals of his century by scoring both goals in United's 2-1 derby victory at Maine Road last month.

And it also meant that he had scored all United's four goals in their clashes with City this season, which yielded four points.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

KEVIN'S A HIGH-FLIER!

FORMER England skipper Kevin Keegan has had a helicopter named after him on the destroyer HMS Newcastle.

The previous helicopter was wrecked by a massive wave last September as the ship headed for the Falklands, so when the crew took delivery of a replacement, they decided to call it after the Newcastle skipper.

During a visit to the ship, Kevin said: "I am very honoured. It looks a bit old though, but I suppose that's why they named it after me."

Some of Kevin's team-mates were also aboard to see their star striker autograph the nose of the missile-carrying Lynx helicopter.

Added Sub. Lt. Phil Needham: "It was an obvious choice to name the helicopter we got from HMS Southampton after Kevin."



A DECADE OF GOALS



THE SECOND DIVISION FACTS

NEWCASTLE United must improve their goals tally if they are to realise their tremendous potential once again.

Our exclusive survey reveals that the slumbering 'Geordie' giants have the worst goalscoring record of any of the current Second Division clubs over the past ten seasons.

Only Leicester, relegated twice from the First Division during that period, have averaged less goals per game at home than Newcastle, but the 'Magpies' are rock bottom in the scoring stakes away from St James' Park.

Two seasons ago they scored just eight goals on their travels, and only three times in the past ten years have they managed to average more than one goal away from home.

Ironically, three of the teams battling against relegation — Charlton, Cambridge United and Derby — have given their home fans most to cheer about.

Troubled Charlton top the 'home' table, averaging 1.81 goals per game at The Valley, with Cambridge and Derby tying for second place. But the progress of Cambridge and Derby in recent seasons has been stifled by poor away form.

The most entertaining team away from home is Queen's Park Rangers with an average of 1.13 goals per game, just ahead of Burnley, whose home record has restricted their

WHO are the Second Division goal kings over the past ten seasons? 'Match' has compiled an exclusive table of home and away scoring records of current Second Division clubs. The facts make interesting reading...

chances of returning to the top flight.

Two former First Division clubs, Leeds and Chelsea, are well to the fore away from home, but it's in front of their own supporters that they have failed to produce the goods on

a regular basis.

Middlesbrough, Fulham and Crystal Palace have struggled for goals both home and away, although the former have the best home defensive record, having conceded only 156 goals in 210 League games.

Above: Another goal for Charlton, this one from Phil Walker during the 2-1 win at Leicester earlier this season. The London side have been one of the most consistent scoring sides in the Second Division over the past ten seasons.

HOME RECORD

	Played	Goals for	Goals against	Ave goals scored per game
1 Charlton	216	392	268	1.81
2 Cambridge	222	390	203	1.76
2 Derby	210	369	227	1.76
4 Q.P.R.	210	355	186	1.69
4 Barnsley	228	386	194	1.69
6 Grimsby	226	373	195	1.65
7 Bolton	212	345	191	1.63
8 Sheff. Wed.	220	351	205	1.60
9 Leeds	210	334	198	1.59
10 Shrewsbury	224	355	207	1.58
11 Oldham	214	337	207	1.57
12 Rotherham	228	351	198	1.54
13 Wolves	210	321	221	1.53
14 Burnley	214	326	214	1.52
15 Carlisle	220	332	242	1.51
16 Chelsea	210	313	247	1.49
17 C. Palace	216	317	209	1.47
18 Fulham	214	311	209	1.45
19 Blackburn	218	315	177	1.44
20 Middlesbrough	210	297	156	1.41
21 Newcastle	210	281	183	1.34
22 Leicester	210	269	220	1.28

AWAY RECORD

	Played	Goals for	Goals against	Ave goals scored per game
1 Q.P.R.	210	238	321	1.13
2 Burnley	214	239	365	1.12
3 Leeds	210	230	287	1.10
4 Chelsea	210	222	357	1.06
5 Rotherham	228	236	350	1.04
6 Grimsby	226	232	372	1.03
7 Sheff. Wed.	220	224	340	1.02
7 Wolves	210	214	346	1.02
9 Charlton	216	218	387	1.01
10 Bolton	212	211	329	1.00
11 Oldham	214	211	345	0.99
12 Barnsley	228	224	315	0.98
13 Blackburn	218	203	323	0.97
13 Leicester	210	186	313	0.97
15 Middlesbrough	210	202	297	0.96
16 Cambridge	222	210	355	0.95
16 Fulham	214	204	315	0.95
18 Shrewsbury	224	205	325	0.92
19 Derby	210	186	348	0.89
19 Carlisle	220	196	350	0.89
21 C. Palace	216	185	297	0.86
22 Newcastle	210	146	276	0.70

NORWICH 'keeper Chris Woods goes into the crucial Easter programme declaring: "We're too good to go down."

With just ten games to go, the Canaries are still firmly entrenched in the relegation zone, but Chris is convinced the situation will improve.

"There are a number of clubs near the bottom who could go down... but come the end of the season Norwich won't be one of them," he says.

The Carrow Road club were having a disastrous season until a good FA Cup run lifted the gloom and the confidence.

And now, they are beginning to reproduce that Cup form in the League. "It helped us no end because it made players realise how hard we have to fight to get results," says Chris.

"Earlier in the season, I think we probably had the wrong attitude and went into games saying: 'If we lose this one, there's always next week.'

"But now it's come to the crunch and it's just a question of every player giving 100 per cent all the time. At the moment it seems to be paying off."

On Saturday Norwich visit fellow strugglers Luton for a game crucial to both sides. "We beat them earlier in the season and we'll be going all out for three points again at Kenilworth Road," says Chris.

"It's vital that we pick up points over Easter because with only six or seven games left after the Holiday programme, time is running out."

Victory at Luton would send Norwich into Monday's clash with East Anglian rivals Ipswich in a good frame of mind.

Easter crunch! Easter is traditionally a vital period for teams fighting against relegation or pushing for promotion.

'Match' highlights some of the more crucial clashes... plus we predict how the tables will look at the end of the season.

"We've already beaten Ipswich twice this season — once in the League and again in the Cup — and we'll be looking for a repeat performance," says Chris.

Norwich's Saturday opponents, Luton are in a similar, dire situation at the foot of the table and are desperate for points over Easter to keep hopes alive.

But striker David Moss believes the holiday programmes will have little bearing on who goes down. "Nothing will be decided until the very last kick of the season," he says.

"There are still a few teams, like Manchester City, who could be dragged into the danger zone if they suffer a bad run.

"But Easter is a very important time for clubs fighting for promotion, or against relegation, and every point is vital at this stage."

Luton face a tough programme because, after the relegation clash with Norwich, they travel to Vicarage Road for the derby game

against high-riding Watford.

"It's very important for us to win against Norwich to widen the gap between us," says David.

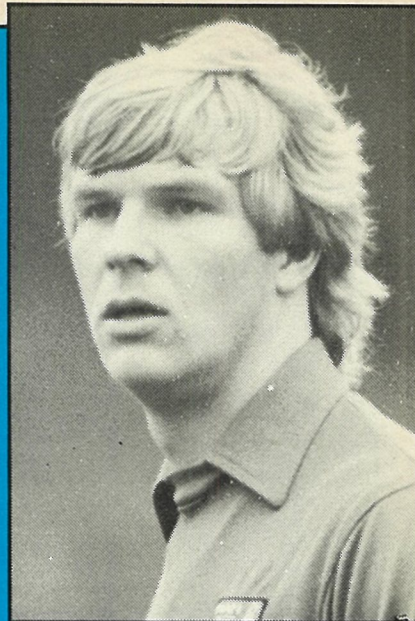
"The fact that we need points to pull clear of the relegation zone won't matter a bit against Watford two days later. Local derbies are one-off games and always tense, hard affairs.

"Watford have surprised a few people since coming up from the Second Division, but I've never played on a losing side against them and I expect that run to continue on Easter Monday."

Despite their lowly position, David can't see Luton going down. "We still have to play a couple of the teams below us in the table and I'm confident we can win those games and stay up."

Two other teams in trouble at the bottom of the Division are Birmingham and Swansea, who clash at St Andrews on Saturday.

The remaining club in the bottom five is Brighton, who face Spurs at the Goldstone Ground on



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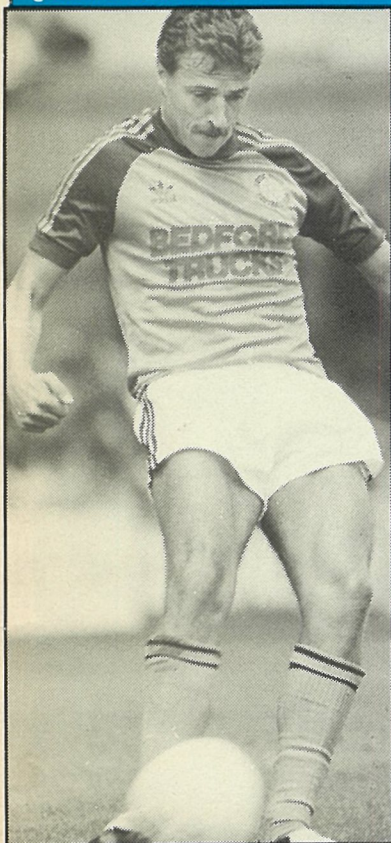
Saturday and then Southampton in the South Coast battle at The Dell on Easter Monday.

Confidence has been boosted recently by their magnificent FA Cup exploits and that could be a telling factor over Easter and on

CANARIES' EASTER CRUNCH

MATCH FORECAST

DIVISION ONE				DIVISION TWO			
Pos	Top Three Team	Pts		Promoted			
1	Liverpool	86	1	QPR	76		
2	Man United	69	2	Wolves	74		
3	Watford	66	3	Fulham	66		
	Relegated		20	Relegated			
20	Norwich	43	21	Charlton	42		
21	Brighton	40	22	Cambridge	42		
22	Birmingham	39		Derby	40		
DIVISION THREE				DIVISION FOUR			
	Promoted			Promoted			
1	Portsmouth	84	1	Wimbledon	86		
2	Cardiff	79	2	Hull	85		
3	Huddersfield	78	3	Port Vale	83		
	Relegated		4	Colchester	76		
21	Chesterfield	48		Re-election zone			
22	Doncaster	47	21	Bristol City	48		
23	Preston	43	22	Darlington	46		
24	Millwall	38	23	Crewe	44		
			24	Hereford	39		



Luton striker David Moss — "nothing will be decided until the last kick of the season".

the run-in.

In the Second Division, another of the cup giant killers, Burnley will be looking to extend an impressive run of form.

And goalkeeper Alan Stevenson is quietly confident of doing that in the holiday games against Wolves and Blackburn.

He says: "I fancy Wolves to win promotion, together with QPR, but I think we can beat them on our home ground.

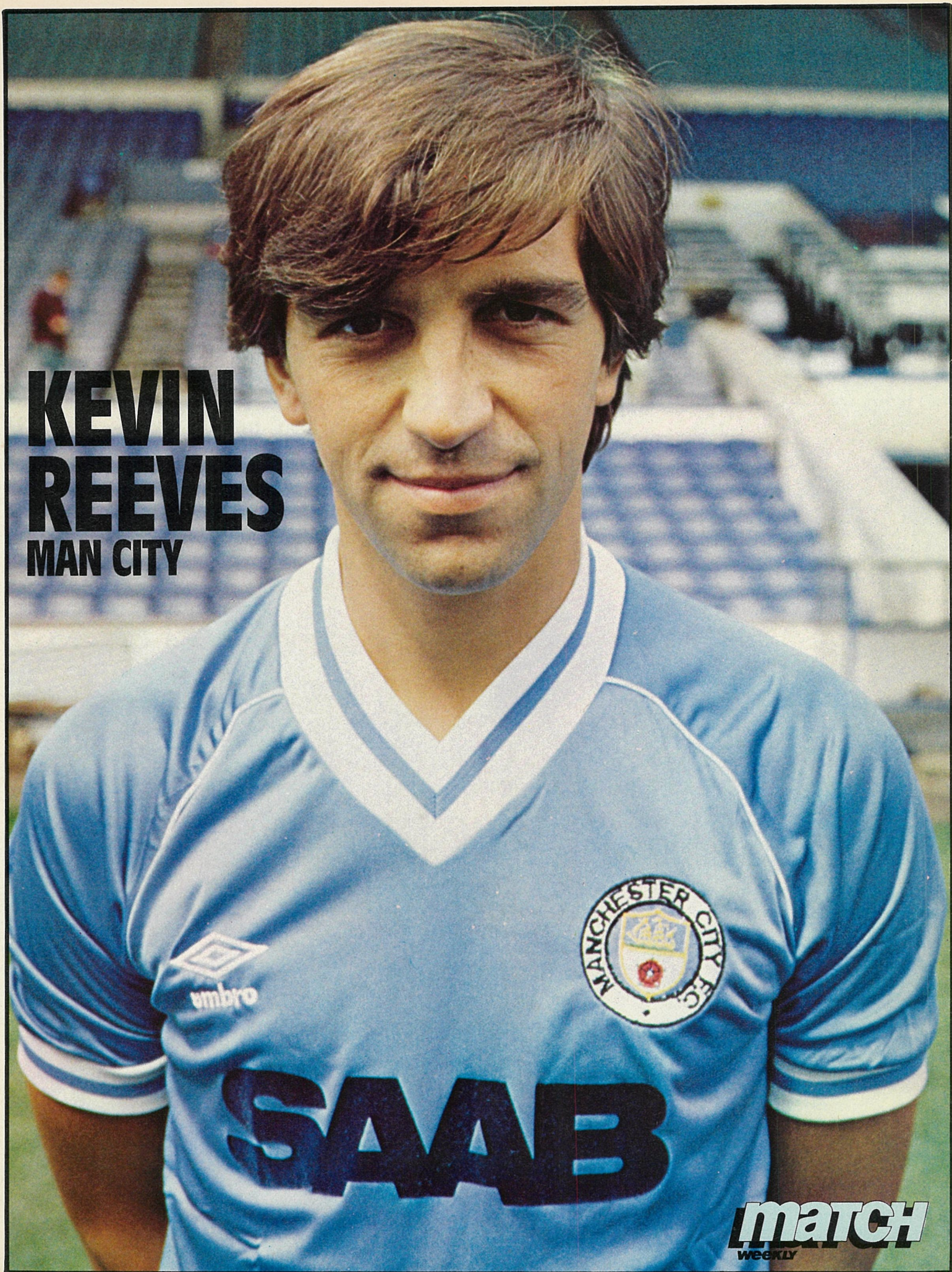
"There will be a great atmosphere at Turf Moor — like there was in the cup ties we've played recently — and that will lift us. Then we travel to Blackburn for a local derby and if we can get a result there it will be a tremendous boost."

Following their tremendous runs in the Milk Cup and the FA Cup, Burnley have found form in the League. "That restored a lot of confidence in the players and everyone is playing very well at the moment," says Alan.

"We have been scoring a lot of goals of late and our defence has also tightened up — the number of clean sheets we have kept in recent weeks is amazing.

"Although there are still a number of teams who could go down, I would rather be in our shoes than those of the other bottom clubs.

"We were dead at Christmas and looked certain to go down, but since then we have strung a few good results together and with games in hand, I'm confident we can now stay up."



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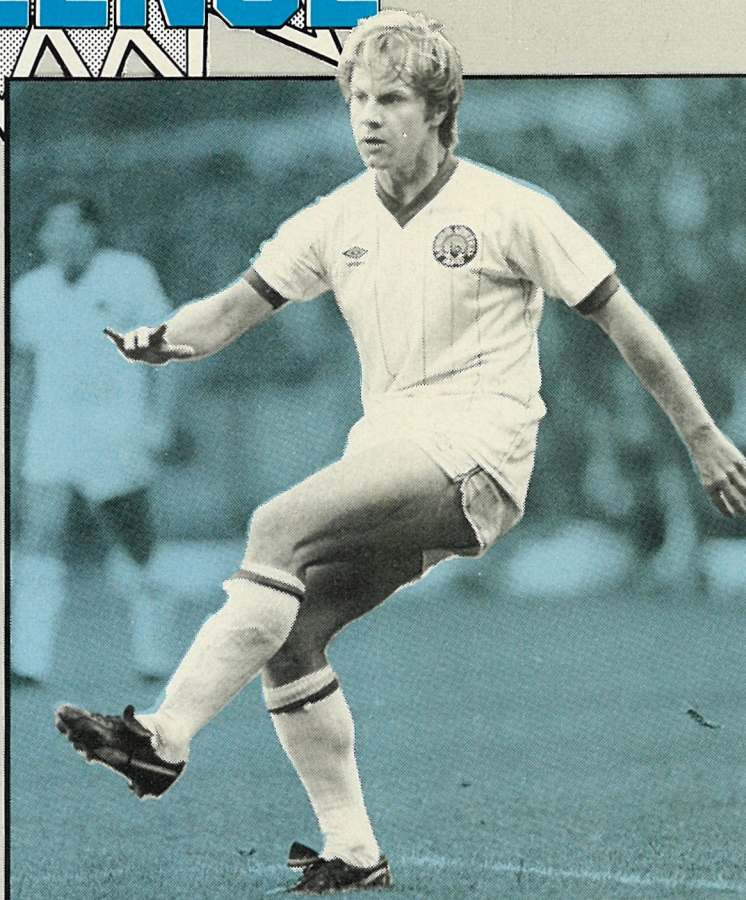
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STAR CHALLENGE



Leeds winger Arthur Graham (below) and his challenger Nigel Dowling (above).



ARTHUR GRAHAM

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LEEDS winger Arthur Graham has still not given up hope of gaining promotion this season.

Although the former First Division giants are more than ten points adrift of the leading clubs, Arthur declares: "There are a lot of points at stake and we could still go up."

With less than a quarter of the season remaining it seems almost certain that the three clubs currently occupying the promotion places will go up.

But Arthur believes the race is far from over. "You have to fancy Wolves and QPR to win promotion, but the third place is still up for grabs," he says.

"There are still a number of clubs, including ourselves, who could catch Fulham. With three points for a win you only need to string a few results together to close the gap."

On Saturday, Leeds travel to Bolton looking for a win to keep their faint promotion hopes alive.

"A draw is no good to us at this stage and we'll be going all out to win," says Arthur. "We have got quite a good record against Bolton and I hope it continues on Saturday."

The big 'match of the day' in the Second Division takes place at Craven Cottage where Fulham take on struggling Chelsea.

And Arthur, who is this week's guest on 'Star Challenge', believes honours will be even. "Fulham are probably the best side we have played this season, but I think Chelsea will hold them in a high-scoring game."

Top club Wolves travel to Turf Moor to play Cup giantkillers Burnley, who are still battling to steer clear of relegation.

But Arthur predicts that the Burnley Braves could upset the promotion favourites. "They have had two good cup runs and seem to play better against the bigger clubs so I'm going for Burnley to beat Wolves," he says.

Arthur has been challenged by Nigel Dowling of Nightingale Lane, London. Both have predicted scorelines for nine Second Division games and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

If Nigel manages to score more points than the Leeds' star he

FIXTURES

Friday, April 1

DIVISION TWO

Oldham v Blackburn

DIVISION THREE

Brentford v Portsmouth

Plymouth v Exeter

Southend v Gillingham

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Stockport

Colchester v Peterborough

Scunthorpe v Halifax

Wimbledon v Swindon

Saturday, April 2

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Southampton

Birmingham v Swansea

Brighton v Tottenham

Ipswich v Aston Villa

Liverpool v Sunderland

Luton v Norwich

Man United v Coventry

Nott'm Forest v Everton

Stoke v Notts County

West Brom v Man City

West Ham v Watford

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Leicester

Bolton v Leeds

Burnley v Wolves

C Palace v Cambridge

Fulham v Chelsea

Middlesbrough v Carlisle

Newcastle v Grimsby

Rotherham v Sheff Wed

Shrewsbury v Derby

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Orient

Cardiff v Plymouth

Exeter v Bristol Rovers

Gillingham v Brentford

Huddersfield v Lincoln

Millwall v Southend

Oxford v Newport

Portsmouth v Reading

Preston v Doncaster

Sheff United v Chesterfield

Walsall v Wigan

Wrexham v Bradford City

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Colchester

Bristol City v Hereford

Hartlepool v Bury

Hull v Darlington

Northampton v Mansfield

Peterborough v Crewe

Stockport v Chester

Torquay v Port Vale

Tranmere v Blackpool

York v Rochdale

Here are the nine selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the

actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Nigel's forecast	Arthur's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Oldham v Blackburn	2-1	2-0		
Barnsley v Leicester	3-1	1-1		
Burnley v Wolves	1-1	2-1		
C Palace v Cambridge	0-0	2-0		
Fulham v Chelsea	4-1	2-2		
Middlesbrough v Carlisle	2-2	2-0		
Newcastle v Grimsby	2-0	3-0		
Rotherham v Sheff. Wed	1-1	1-2		
Shrewsbury v Derby	0-0	1-2		

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v St Mirren
Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v Rangers
Hibernian v Kilmarnock
Morton v Dundee

FIRST DIVISION

Airdrie v Hearts
Ayr v Dumbarton
Clydebank v Clyde
Dunfermline v Raith
Hamilton v Alloa
Partick v St Johnstone
Queen's Park v Falkirk

SECOND DIVISION

East Fife v Berwick
East Stirling v Brechin
Forfar v Meadowbank
Montrose v Stranraer
Queen of the South v Arbroath
Stenhousemuir v Albion
Stirling v Cowdenbeath

Monday, April 4

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Birmingham
Everton v Stoke
Man City v Liverpool
Norwich v Ipswich
Notts County v West Brom
Sunderland v Man United
Tottenham v Arsenal
Watford v Luton

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Burnley
Charlton v C Palace
Chelsea v QPR
Derby v Newcastle
Grimsby v Rotherham
Sheff Wed v Barnsley
Wolves v Shrewsbury

DIVISION THREE

Bradford City v Preston
Chesterfield v Huddersfield
Lincoln v Walsall
Newport v Cardiff
Orient v Millwall
Reading v Bournemouth
Wigan v Wrexham

DIVISION FOUR

Bury v York
Chester v Tranmere
Crewe v Northampton
Darlington v Hartlepool
Halifax v Hull
Port Vale v Bristol City
Rochdale v Scunthorpe
Swindon v Aldershot

Tuesday, April 5

DIVISION ONE

Coventry v Nott'm Forest
Southampton v Brighton
Swansea v West Ham

DIVISION TWO

Cambridge v Fulham
Carlisle v Bolton
Leeds v Oldham
Leicester v Middlesbrough

DIVISION THREE

Bristol Rovers v Oxford
Doncaster v Sheff United

DIVISION FOUR

Hereford v Torquay
Mansfield v Wimbledon

● **Bad luck to 'Match' reader Steven York of Leicester who lost 8-4 to Filbert Street star Gary Lineker in our March 19 'Star Challenge'.**

REBEL WITH A CAUSE

TRANSFER-LISTED Mark Proctor is back in his beloved North East and hoping to make his loan spell at Sunderland a permanent arrangement.

The midfielder returned home after 18 unhappy months at Nottingham Forest — the club who splashed out £400,000 for him.

Mark admits: "I have never really settled there and I asked for a transfer because I wasn't happy playing in the position Brian Clough wanted me to.

"It wasn't a one-off decision to go on the list. I thought about it for a long time, but I felt I couldn't carry on when I wasn't enjoying my game."

The tough no-nonsense Forest manager wanted Mark to play wide on the right, whereas Mark felt his best role was in the centre of midfield.

"Up until the time I asked for a move I was a regular in the side, but I wasn't happy. I spoke to the manager about it and he was adamant that my best position was the wider role.

"I joined Nottingham Forest because I wanted to win things," says Mark, who started his League career with his home town club, Middlesbrough.

"I knew that Forest were rebuilding and it would take time, but the process has taken longer than everyone thought.

The 22-year-old, who signed a four year contract with Forest says: "I don't regret making the move. At the time it was the right thing to do."

Mark has been on the transfer list for nearly three months and he upset Brian Clough by refusing a loan spell at Chelsea.

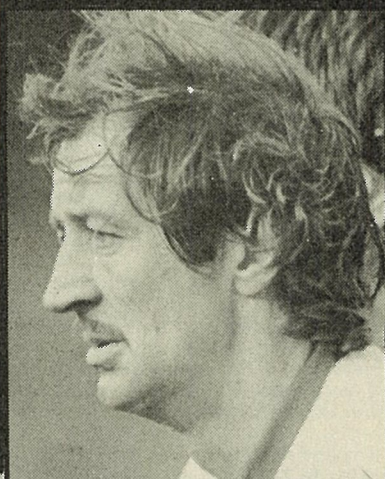
"One of two clubs wanted me on loan but I wasn't going to go anywhere just for the sake of it. I wanted a permanent move.

"Brian Clough said he didn't know what I really wanted when I turned down Chelsea, but at the time I didn't really want to move south and I didn't think the club was right.

"I also wanted to stay in the First Division. I've played there

MIS-FIT MARK MOVES NORTH

Nottingham Forest rebel Mark Proctor talks about his loan move to Sunderland and his disagreement with Brian Clough.



Frank Worthington who has added experience to the young Sunderland.

all my career so far and I don't really want to drop down."

Mark signed a month's loan with Sunderland and he says: "I'd love to stay there but I'm not raising my hopes too high.

"It's a difficult situation because there's no money around and Sunderland can't really afford to buy me without selling a couple of players first.

"It's great to be back in the North East. I missed my family and friends while I was at Nottingham."

Mark, who made his debut in Sunderland's home game against Swansea, won't have any problems explaining his differences at Forest to his new manager Alan Durban.

He explains: "Alan understands because he had the same problem under Brian Clough when he was at Derby. It seems they disagreed about his best role."

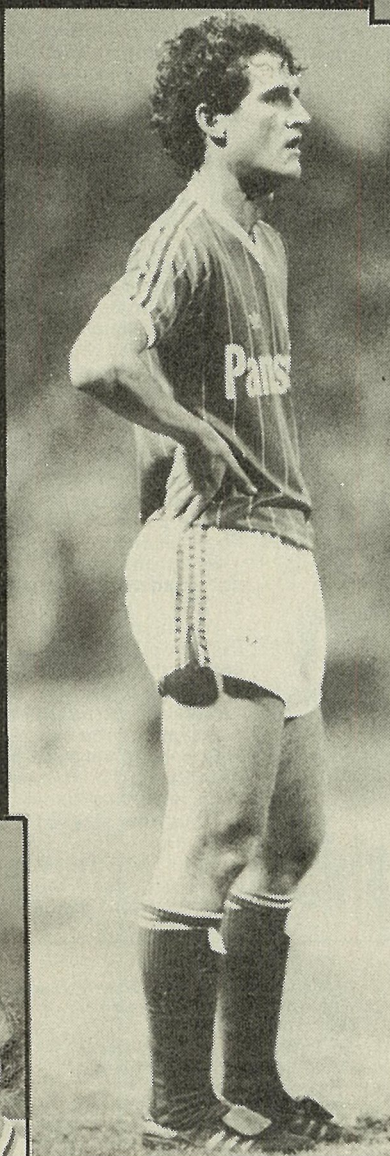
Mark joined the Roker Park side as they were charging up the First Division after spending most of the season at the wrong end of the table.

"The lads were in the middle of a good run and confidence is high. The manager here is building a good young side and although it will take time I believe he'll achieve success at Sunderland."

The former England Under-21 international says: "With players like Frank Worthington and Leighton James adding the experience, the blend looks just right."

Mark believes that even though Forest are going through a transitional period the glory days will return to the City Ground.

Brian Clough's record speaks for itself. There's no doubt in my mind that he'll get a good side together again. I believe they'll qualify for Europe this season."



Mark Proctor: "I never really settled at Nottingham Forest."

Left: Manager Alan Durban who has given Mark the chance of a return to the North East.



THE former Sheffield United and Watford manager continues his fascinating American story.

IT HAS always been claimed that I have a vivid imagination, but never in my wildest dreams did I think that one day I would have to buy my own son with money out of my own pocket!

But it actually cost me £2,000 to bring my son Keith over to America from non-League Wealdstone.

It was obvious from the very beginning of Detroit Express that we could not afford any real depth in playing staff and I suggested to the owner, Jimmy Hill, that Roy McRohan and I should take on both our sons.

His boy was just coming to the end of an apprenticeship with Ipswich and my son, Keith, was playing for Wealdstone in the Southern League.

Keith had been given a free transfer by Queen's Park Rangers and on his own initiative, he had been successful in a trial with Wealdstone.

His exploits and goalscoring ability had received a lot of national publicity and having watched him play I felt that he now had a chance of making the grade.

However, Jimmy wasn't happy with the idea. We were short of visas and he felt that we should save the ones we had for experienced players.

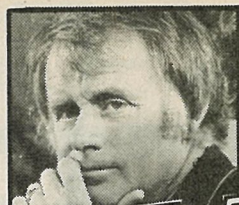
Roy and I had to accept that, but as we were moving to Detroit, Keith asked for his release from Wealdstone, a 'free' the manager had promised him on signing, but this was turned down.

The reason was that they didn't believe that he wasn't going to play for Detroit. I could understand that, but they were breaking their word and that was the important thing.

Our appeal to the FA failed to clear the situation and I had to make a decision about the next step. I felt that even if Keith wasn't going to play for us, then he might possibly get a game with some other club.

With this in mind I then negotiated with the Wealdstone chairman a fee of £2,000 which I paid personally — thus obtaining Keith's registration.

I took Keith to Florida for our pre-season training where we were giving trials to all and sundry and he quickly impressed everybody, so much so, that, after having scored several goals



KEN FURPHY'S

AMERICA

in practice games, the American partners insisted that he was signed.

I then sold him for £2,000 to Detroit and got my money back. As events were to prove I had made a serious error.

Not only did Keith score 13 goals that season, five of them match winners, he also went on to chalk up over three seasons of consecutive appearances both indoors and outdoors.

Of course, it wasn't all plain sailing and as the months went by he was subject to some dreadful abuse by a section of the fans.

The peculiar thing was he won, for consecutive years, the 'Best Player' award picked by the fans and he was constantly in demand for public appearances.

I watched with interest the similar situation when John Bond had his son, Kevin, playing for him at Manchester City.

It appeared that the owners, especially Jimmy Hill, were more unhappy about the scene than we were and eventually I was instructed that Keith had to be sold.

You can take it which way you like, but the club had had serious financial problems after our first six months of existence and with the American money drying up and Jimmy in a similar position, the decision was really a financial one.

So I promptly sold him to Atlanta for £40,000, not a bad profit on the original investment of £2,000.

The mistake I referred to was selling Keith in the first place. I should have held on to his contract and he would then have been a free agent and any money would have been his.

It was an unsavoury way to deal with a minor problem and the first to suffer was the team who needed his goals from the left side.

Keith went on to have two very successful years with the Atlanta Chiefs before they folded and has now played for Cleveland Force for two seasons.

I am now certain that he could still make the grade in England, but on present salaries he couldn't afford to come home.



Keith Furphy celebrates another goal in America — this time for Atlanta Chiefs.

THAT'S MY BOY!

How Keith made the grade Stateside

I AM 14 years old and would like to write to a fellow Blackpool supporter who could keep me in touch with any news from Bloomfield Road.

Graham Canvin, 35 Oakington Avenue, North Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 7JQ.

MANCHESTER City and Celtic are my favourite teams, and Tommy Caton and Charlie Nicholas my favourite players. I am 17 years old and would like a pen pal who lives in Manchester or Glasgow and supports either club.

Chris Streeter, 196 Monkwick Avenue, Monkwick Estate, Colchester, Essex.

I AM a 12-year-old West Brom fan and would like a pen pal who also supports the Albion.

Stuart Knight, 58 Stanway Road, Benhall, Cheltenham, Gloucester.

I AM a 22-year-old Icelfander and support Arsenal. I would like a female pen pal aged between 15 and 30 from anywhere in the world.

Stefan Stefansson, Kopavogsbraut 61, 200 Kopavogur, Iceland.

I AM 15 years old and support Chesterfield, but would like to write to anyone in the Rochdale area who

supports Rochdale.

Tracey Allen, 9 Valley Road, Spital, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

LIVERPOOL are my favourite team and I would like to write to anyone between the ages of 15 and 19. My interests include music, sport and travelling.

Robert Baker, 20 Cheltenham Road, Cirencester, Gloucester.

I WOULD like a pen pal who supports any team. I follow Leicester City and

like to play squash and golf.

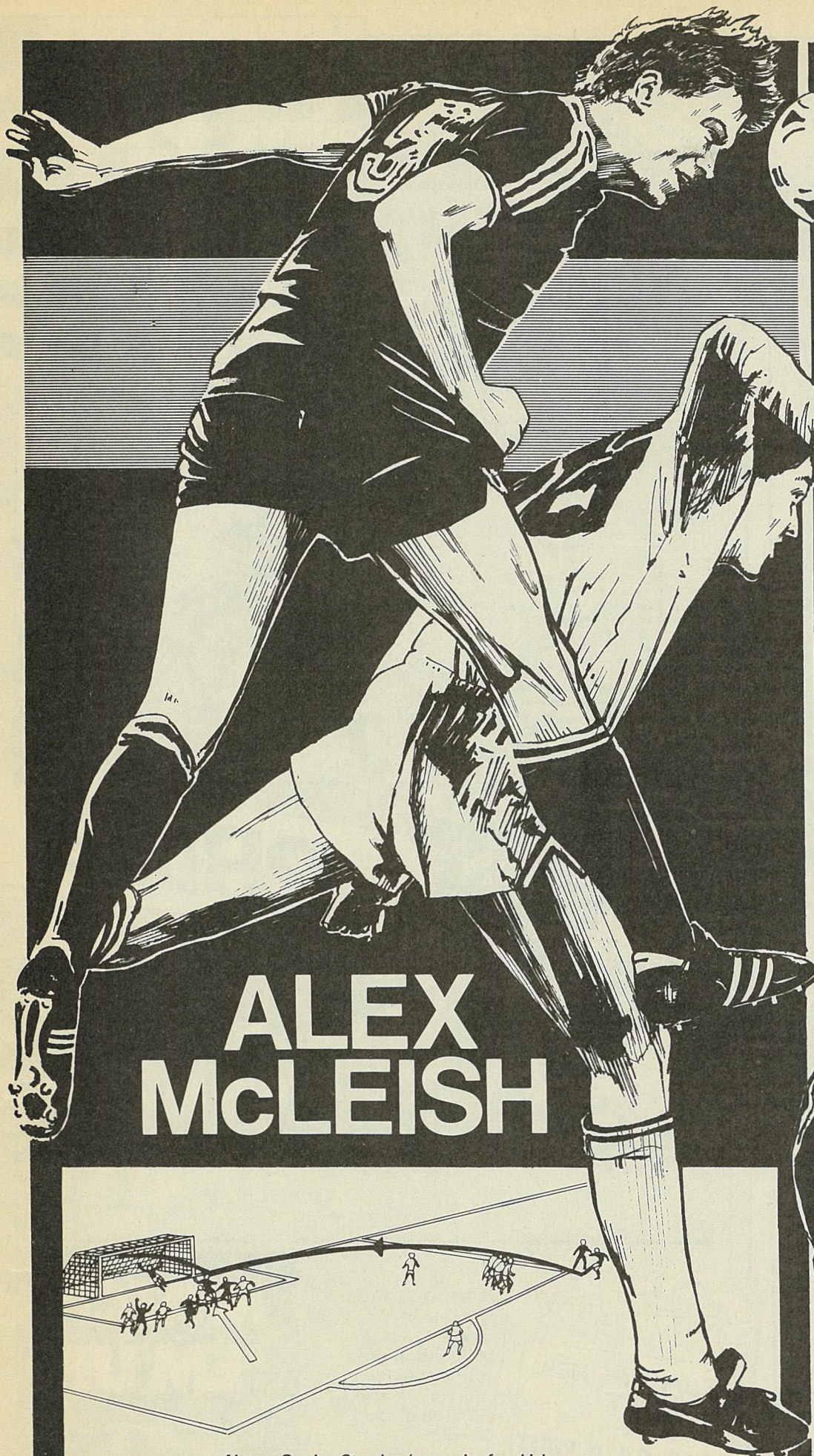
Andrew Markham (14), 1 Sovereign Lane, Purbrook, Portsmouth.

I AM 14 years old and support Cardiff City. I would like a pen pal in England or Scotland.

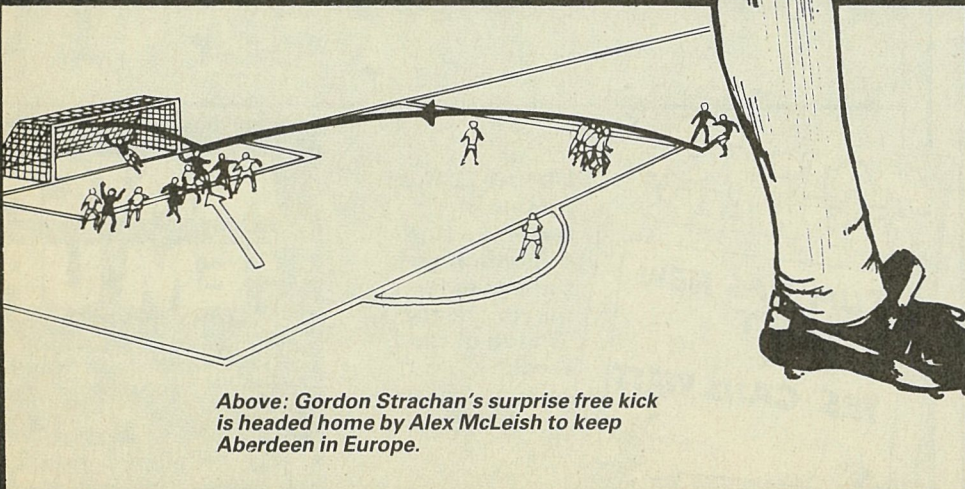
Mark Adams, 56 Suffolk Place, Porthcawl, mid-Glamorgan, Wales.

I AM a 24-year-old and would like a female pen pal (18 to 20-years-old) who supports Watford.

Ahmed Saoud, P.O. Box 9094, M.A.F. Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.



ALEX MCLEISH



Above: Gordon Strachan's surprise free kick is headed home by Alex McLeish to keep Aberdeen in Europe.

GOLDEN GOAL!

ABERDEEN 3
BAYERN MUNICH 2

European Cup Winners' Cup
Quarter-Final Second Leg,
Pittodrie,
Wednesday, March 16, 1983.

ABERDEEN looked like crashing out of Europe before a flash of inspiration from Gordon Strachan and John McMaster set up big defender Alex McLeish.

All square after the first leg, the Scots were 2-1 down with 14 minutes to go in the second leg when they were awarded a free-kick just outside the Bayern penalty area.

In the heat of the moment, Gordon and John appeared to make a hash of it as they both went for the ball. But while Bayern were off their guard, Gordon cheekily flicked in a cross for Alex to head past the stunned Germans.

The goal put Aberdeen back into the game and minutes later they were 3-2 up, so becoming Britain's only representatives in the European Semi-Finals.

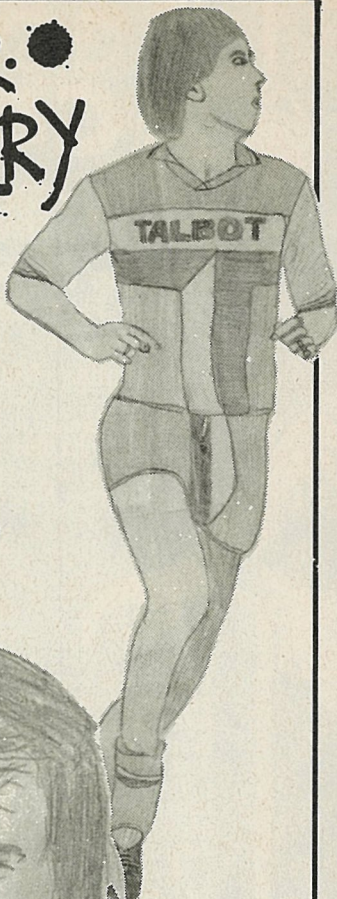
Match columnist Gordon says: "The trick isn't something new. We used it a couple of times last season before it was shown on television. We banked on the Germans not knowing about it."

Aberdeen now face Belgian part-timers Waterschei in the Semi-Final and Scottish international Gordon says: "After beating Bayern there's no reason why we should fear any of the teams left in the competition."

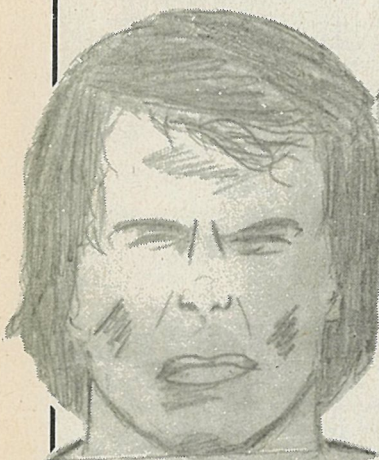
Below: Gordon Strachan (right) and John McMaster prepare to trick the Germans.



STAR GALLERY

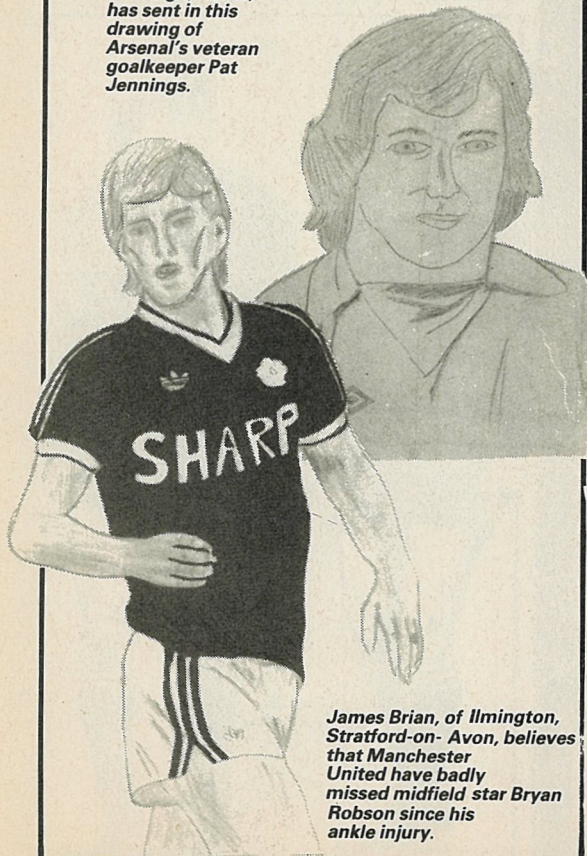


Coventry's Mark Hateley is the subject of Maltese reader Stephen Muscat. "He deserves a place in Star Gallery because of his good performances and goals which are helping Coventry climb the First Division."



AC Milan's Joe Jordan is still Scotland's best striker, says Nigel Carre, of Guernsey, who drew this picture of the former Manchester United and Leeds player.

Ian Paul Lisher, of Eastleigh, Hants, has sent in this drawing of Arsenal's veteran goalkeeper Pat Jennings.



James Brian, of Ilmington, Stratford-on-Avon, believes that Manchester United have badly missed midfield star Bryan Robson since his ankle injury.

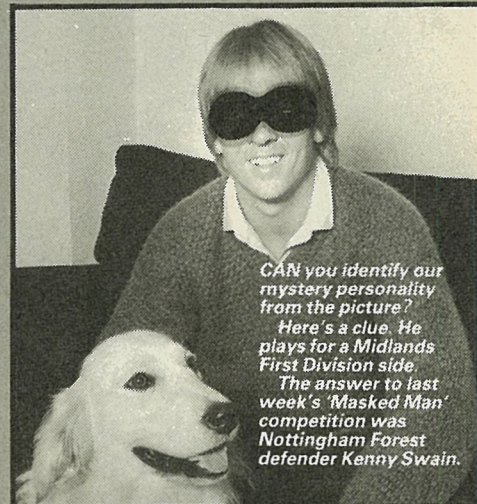
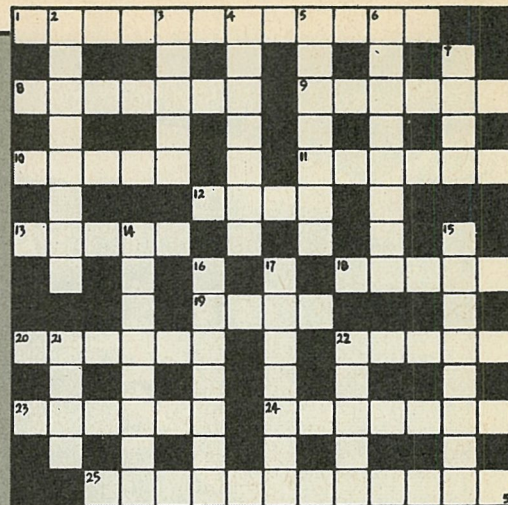
SOCCERWORD

ACROSS

1. Bobby Campbell has been the top scorer for this club for the last two seasons (8,4)
8. Ian Rush and Charlie Nicholas have been regular ones this season (7)
9. See 21 down.
10. A lot of water for defender Eddie (5)
11. Many a player has done this after being on the wrong end of a hard tackle (6)
12. Rochdale wear it (4)
13. Kevin Hector set the appearances record for this club... (5)
18. ... and --- Curran also played for them after joining them from their neighbours... (5)
19. ... whose nickname is "The ---" (4)
20. Sanchez say (6)
- 22 & 4 down. This defender was on Everton's books then went to Celtic but actually became a regular at Doncaster after signing in 1979 (5,7)
23. Commit a foul (6)
24. He made a record 761 appearances for Port Vale and later became their manager (7)
25. It saves you money on all your team's home matches (6,6)

DOWN

2. Brought back into the team after having been dropped for a while (8)
3. Another word for pitch (5)
4. See 22 across
5. 'Shy Alec' (anagram) — actually, this keeper's name is really Ray (7)
6. The club for which 10 across played 300 games before going to York a couple of years ago (8)
7. Hazard, perhaps (4)
14. Wolves' No. 1 this season (8)
15. He broke the one-club appearances record set by 24 across by playing 770 times for Swindon (he later became their manager) (8)
16. One of Watford's nicknames (7)
17. He was manager of 13 across before going back for a second spell with Newport (7)
- 21 & 9 across. 'In a pal's van' (anagram) — he was a driving force in over 400 matches for Preston North End (4,6)
22. --- Vogts, famous former West Germany full-back and captain (5)



CAN you identify our mystery personality from the picture? Here's a clue. He plays for a Midlands First Division side. The answer to last week's 'Masked Man' competition was Nottingham Forest defender Kenny Swain.

PRIZE

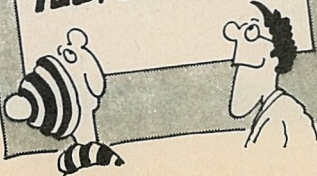
GOAL action from an FA Cup Semi-Final at Villa Park two years ago. Can you name the teams and the man scoring the winning goal with this free-kick.



STOP THE ACTION

MATCH OF THE WEEK

TUM HAS NEW DIET
VS.
YES, CANS WAIT



UNRAVEL the jumble of letters to find out which two teams are playing in our 'Match of the Week'.

MATCH 'EM UP

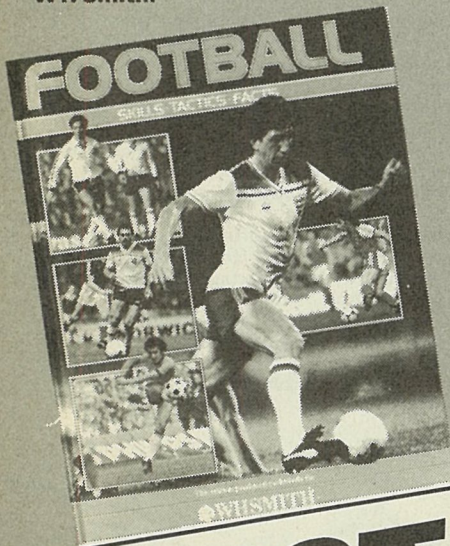
Match up the clubs on the left with the grounds on the right.

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 1 Bury | a) Belle Vue |
| 2 Wimbeldon | b) Gigg Lane |
| 3 Aldershot | c) Edgeley Park |
| 4 Doncaster | d) Recreation Ground |
| 5 Stockport | e) Plough Lane |

10 SOCCER SKILLS BOOKS TO WIN

HERE'S a chance to brush up your soccer skills and improve your knowledge of tactics.

A new book called "Football Skills, Tactics and Facts" has been produced exclusively for WH Smith.



And we've got ten of these super books to give away in an easy-to-enter FREE competition.

The 112-page books contain diagrams and colour pictures of world stars displaying some of their skills.

The skills section covers ball control, striking the ball, tackling, heading and goalkeeping.

In the tactics part you can learn about support play, marking and covering and set-piece play at corners and free kicks.

If you're not lucky enough to win one of the books, you could finish up with a Match Weekly lapel badge — there are 25 of these as runners-up prizes.

All you have to do to stand a chance of winning one of these super books is to take a careful look at the two drawings on this page.

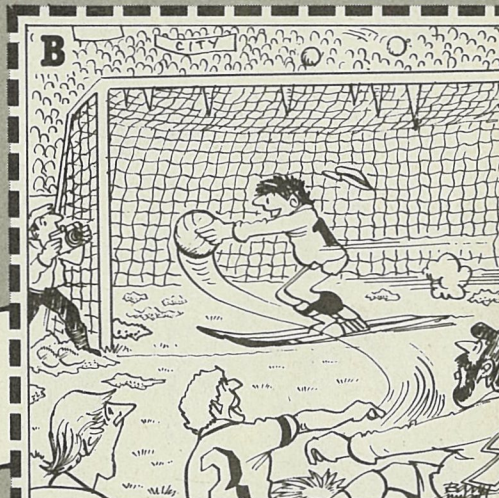
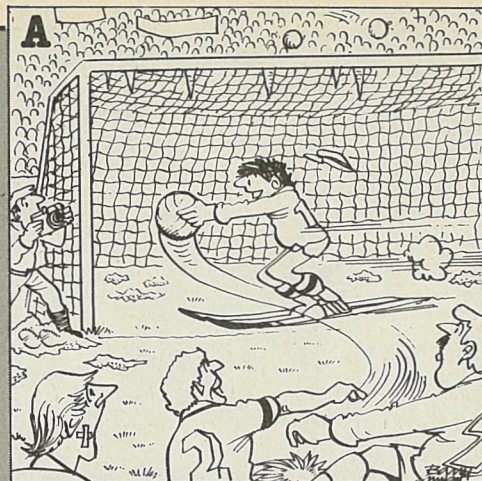
They may look identical, but there are ten deliberate differences. Just circle the differences with a pen on cartoon B, fill in the entry form stating your name and address, and send it off to:

Books Competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough, PE2 0UF.

The first ten correct entries pulled out of the 'Match' postbag will receive the books with the next 25 getting Match Weekly badges.

Entries close on Friday, April 8 and the results will be announced in our April 23 issue.

Good luck!



Name.....
Address.....

SPECTACULAR

HERE'S another chance to win a super Ricoh camera worth £40!

Ricoh, the company who sponsor First Division Stoke City, are also offering ten runners-up prizes of their specially designed T-shirts.

The semi-automatic camera makes picture taking a real snap!

It has a quick-charge electronic flash with ready indicator, instant LED exposure setting checks, super simple focusing, rewind lever and shutter release operation.

How to enter: Look at the picture (right) which shows Everton Striker David Johnson howling something at referee Brian Stevens.

All you have to do is dream up something funny that David might be saying to the referee.

The writer of the funniest caption in not more than twelve words will win the camera and the next ten best entries will collect the T-shirts.

Write your caption on the entry form, along with your name, address and chest size (small, medium or large) in case you are one of the ten runners-up, then send it off to:

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SNAP HAPPY! WIN A SUPER RICOH CAMERA

ENTRY FORM

Caption.....

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Chest S/M/L.....

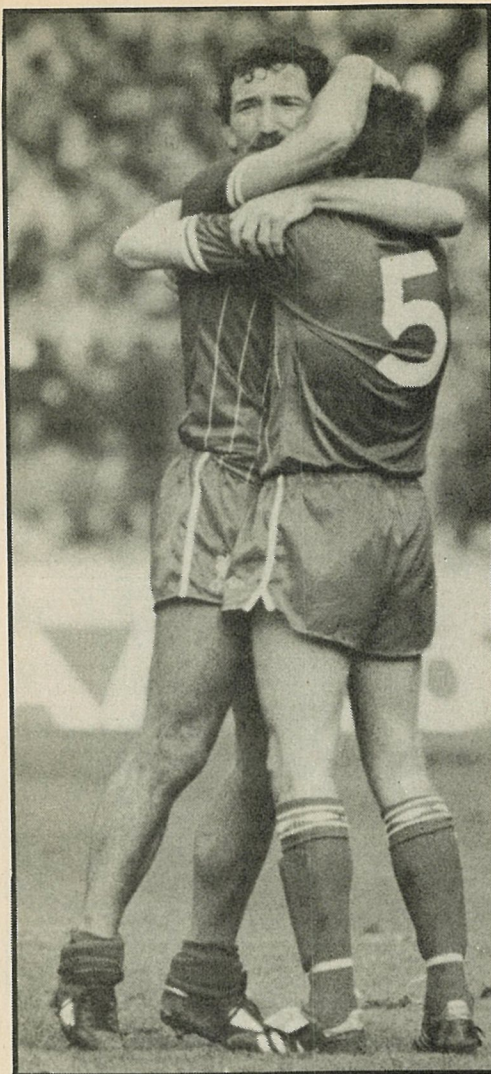
FILL IN THE SCORES

Can you fill in the scores of these last six European Cup Finals?

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Aston Villa | Bayern Munich |
| 2 Liverpool | Real Madrid |
| 3 Nottingham Forest | Hamburg |
| 4 Nottingham Forest | Malmö |
| 5 Liverpool | Bruges |
| 6 Liverpool | Borussia M'gladbach |

SOLUTIONS

MATCH OF THE WEEK: West Ham United v Swansea City.
SOCCERWORD: Across: 1. Bradford City; 8. scores; 9. See 21 down; 10. Flood; 11. limped; 12. blue; 13. Derby; 19. Terry; 19. Reds (Forest); 20. Lawrie; 22 & 4 down. Billy Russell; 23. handle; 24. Sproson; 25. season ticket. Down: 2. recalled; 3. field; 4. See 22 across; 5. Cashley; 6. Tranmere; 7. Mike; 14. Burridge; 15. Trolope; 16. Brewers; 17. Addison; 21 & 9. across. Alan Spavin; 22. Bert.
MATCH FEM UP: 1/b; 2/3; 3/d; 4/a; 5/c.
STOP THE ACTION: Manchester City v Ipswich and it's City's Paul Power scoring the winner.
FILL IN THE SCORES: 1 1-0; 2 1-0; 3 1-0; 4 1-0; 5 1-0; 6 3-1.



'Whelan's winner

We turned on the best Liverpool performance I can remember to beat Manchester United and lift the Milk Cup.

It was a magnificent show from every member of the team. Even when we were a goal down we never gave up and stuck to our task. Not one of the lads let his head drop.

We thoroughly deserved our victory and to be honest, I never thought we'd lose the game. I knew it was only a matter of time before we got the equaliser.

Lifting the trophy on Saturday felt better than it did last year. Against Tottenham we didn't play too well, but we really turned it on against United.

The score could have been 5-1 if David Fairclough had managed to convert some of the late chances that came his way.

David, who came on as substitute for Craig Johnston, could have had a hat-trick. Nine times out of ten he would have, but the ball just wouldn't run kindly for him.

In many ways the game was a repeat of last year's game at Wembley. When Norman Whiteside scored after just 12 minutes I thought 'Here we go again'.

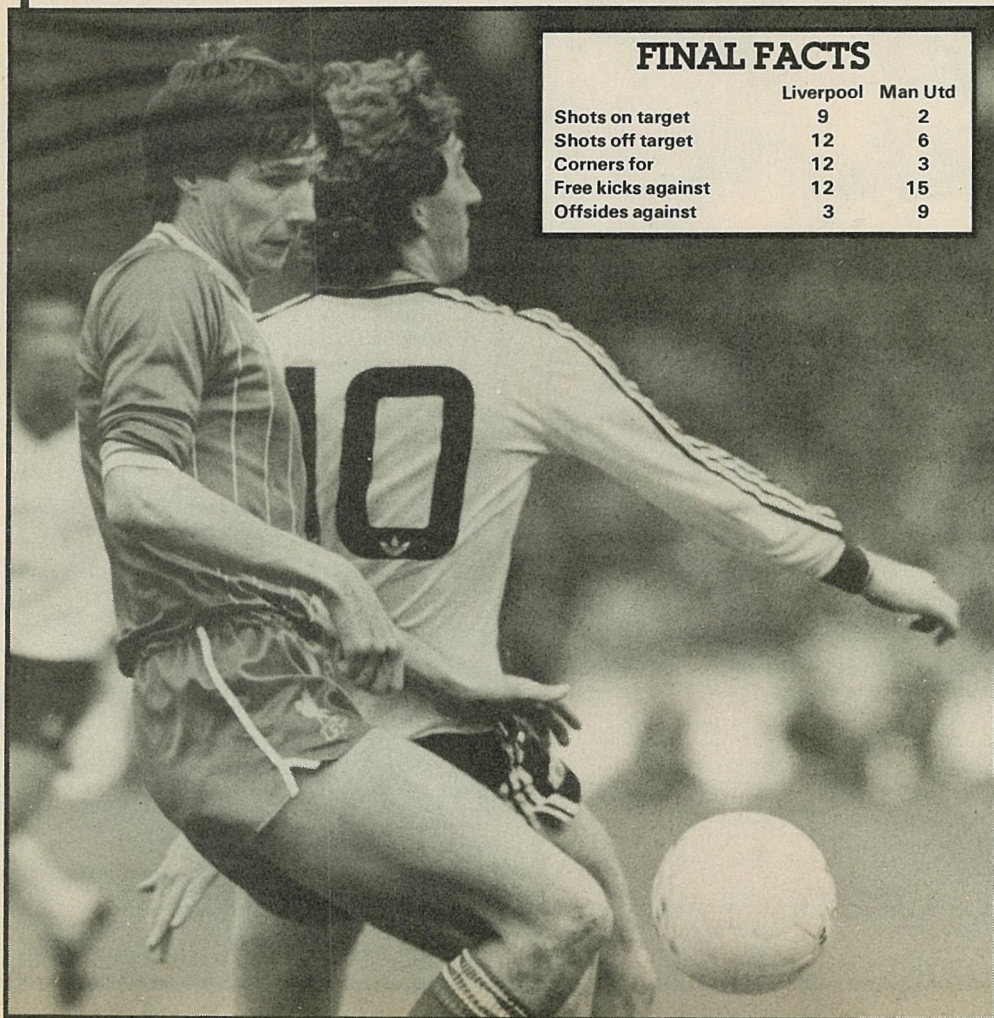
Memories of Steve Archibald's early goal came flooding back to me and I knew we faced a battle to get back into the game.

The goal was just the jolt we needed. Before that we were guilty of playing too many long balls and letting our passes go astray.

Below: Scottish defender Alan Hansen beats Manchester United's Norman Whiteside to the ball. Left: Graeme Souness congratulates Ronnie Whelan after his magnificent winning goal.

FINAL FACTS

	Liverpool	Man Utd
Shots on target	9	2
Shots off target	12	6
Corners for	12	3
Free kicks against	12	15
Offsides against	3	9



Match Weekly had players in both camps for Saturday's dramatic Milk Cup Final — columnists Graeme Souness and Steve Coppell. Here they bring you their contrasting and fascinating views of the Wembley clash.

But we soon settled into our rhythm and afterwards we really dominated the game. I think manager Ron Atkinson was being kind to his team when he said that though we had most of the possession it wasn't in the United danger zone.

When we came off at half-time the only part of the pitch which was cut up was the United half. That's where nearly all the action had been.

It wasn't a matter of United shutting up shop and trying to defend their slender lead. They were forced on to the defensive as we mounted attack after attack.

We finally got our just reward 15 minutes from time thanks to a fierce shot from Alan Kennedy. 'Barney Rubble' — as he's known at Anfield — makes a habit of scoring on the big occasions.



Bob bows out a winner

BOB Paisley bowed out at Wembley a winner... and his players made sure he'll never forget it.

In an unprecedented move, he led the team up those famous steps to collect the prized trophy and hold it aloft.

Says the Liverpool boss, who retires at the end of this season: "At first I didn't want to do it, because this game's about players, not managers."

"But at the same time it was the players who asked me to go and that's why I was pleased to do so."

Of the game itself Bob says: "I thought we showed a lot of character to get back into the game after United had opened the scoring at such a critical time."

"United themselves showed a lot of spirit in the second half but it was a case of taking them into extra time and killing them off."

"We were like the bullfighter and they were like the bull with 40 arrows in the back."

●RON Atkinson looked back on Saturday's defeat and declared: "With half an hour to go I thought we were the winners."

"Liverpool were having a lot of the ball but not in the danger areas. They didn't have that many chances for all their possession."

"We were prepared to let them come at us and hope their patience would run out."

Norman Whiteside had given United the perfect start with a super goal after 12 minutes and he, as much as anyone, felt the anguish of defeat.

"The lad was choked after the game — he was mentally and physically shattered."

"I thought he was magnificent in the game and he'll be back at Wembley again, you can be sure of that."

a touch of class'

—Graeme Souness

He scored the goal which beat Real Madrid in 1981 and brought the European Cup to Liverpool and in the same year was on the score-sheet at Wembley in the League Cup Final against West Ham.

Alan's goal was a great boost for us and a real downer for United. The pendulum was swinging Liverpool's way and we felt confident as we reached extra-time.

Our winner from Ronnie Whelan — the Wembley hero last year — was a classic. It was a touch of class. He thought about the opening and executed the shot perfectly. It was a real professional's goal.

When the final whistle went we were delighted — not only for ourselves but also for manager Bob Paisley. We desperately wanted to win something for him in his last season.

The decision to let him collect the Milk Cup was a spontaneous gesture. We hadn't thought about it before. The players wanted to give him the opportunity of going up those famous steps.



Jubilant Liverpool players do a lap of honour round Wembley after beating Manchester United 2-1 in the Milk Cup Final.

'I take the blame'

confesses Steve Coppel

I BLAME myself for Liverpool's equalising goal! I should have prevented Alan Kennedy's shot.

As soon as he received the ball I should have closed him down, but I lost my way a little bit as to where our goal was.

It gave Alan the time he needed to crack a dipping shot and Liverpool were back in the game...

No excuses however.

Liverpool were the deserved winners on the day... but I can't help wondering how they might have fared if, like us, they had lost their two central defenders?

I believe they might have found it a bit difficult too and I would have liked to have seen the game finish with two fit teams.

We're very disappointed because we thought we could win it.

Kevin Moran is very important to us at the back and Gordon McQueen was having a terrific game alongside him.

We lost Kevin due to an ankle injury and Gordon was hobbling around in a forward role to pick up what bits and pieces he could.

It meant substitute Lou Macari playing at right-back with Frank Stapleton being pulled back to play alongside Mike Duxbury in the centre of defence. The whole pattern of our game was affected.

We were virtually playing with ten men and naturally Frank was sorely missed up front.

Gordon McQueen did great to finish the game like he did but it was disheartening.

We had started the match really well and Norman Whiteside showed all his qualities to give us the lead — turning on a sixpence to score. And his right is not his best foot!

It may be that following the goal we were guilty of sitting back and saying 'we have done it'.

Certainly our football disintegrated after the goal.

But in the first ten minutes of the second half I still thought we had a great chance of doing it.

We were attacking in numbers and looking dangerous again, although it had to be safety-first most of the time.

But you can't take anything away from Liverpool. They played well, worked hard and made us work hard.

You could argue that was the reason for our injuries, although Kevin Moran's was a bit unfortunate — he just went over on his ankle.

He tried to play on but it was quickly obvious he couldn't continue. As it turned out it was a good decision because he couldn't walk after the game.

If we did sit back too much we certainly didn't plan it that way. You can only play as well as you are allowed to.

Having said that, injuries apart, we didn't play as well as we can.

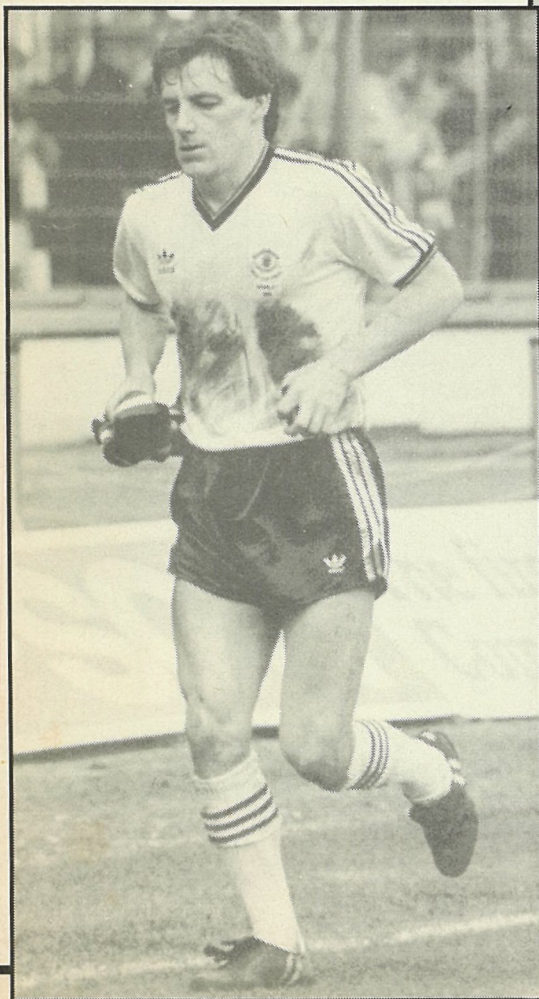
I feel sorry for the fans. Okay we were beaten, but we had the thrill of playing in a Wembley final and we have medals to show for it.

The fans returned home empty handed but they were terrific.

We still have another chance in the FA Cup and everyone is looking to that now. Hopefully we can repay our wonderful supporters in May.

● Now turn over the page for our exclusive colour action pictures from Wembley.

Milk Cup Final photographs by Phil Bagnall.





Above: United goalkeeper Gary Bailey is beaten by Alan Kennedy's vicious drive as Ian Rush (9) and Kenny Dalglish (8) start the celebrations.

Right: Gary Bailey's acrobatic leap fails to stop Ronnie Whelan's Wembley winner.



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LIVERPOOL LAP IT



Left: Manchester United hero Gordon McQueen clears the danger from Liverpool's Ian Rush.



Above: United shocker! Young Norman Whiteside wheels away in delight after giving Manchester United the lead after just 12 minutes.



UP!



Right: Frank Stapleton, forced to play central defender because of an injury to Gordon McQueen, beats Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan in an aerial duel.

EVERY two or three seasons, football clubs change their strip. I can understand this because sportswear firms want to cash in on fans trying to copy their idols.

But what I cannot understand is why the team's away colours have to be changed as well.

A good example of this is this season's Tottenham strip. They have changed their Centenary kit along with their away strip (from yellow to light blue).

It makes hats, scarves and rosettes out of date and totally wrong if they contain yellow. It's an expensive business trying to keep up with the a team's sudden change in colours.

Allison Clarke (16), Totnes, Devon.

ALTHOUGH Manchester United has the toughest defence in the First Division, we don't see any of their players in the England team. Why's that?

Mohamed Hamid, Doha, Qatar.

● **BECAUSE Gordon McQueen and Arthur Albiston are Scots and Kevin Moran plays for Eire. The only Englishman in United's back four is Mike Duxbury, recently called into England's squad for the game with Greece.**

I THINK the football authorities are heartless if they go ahead with their plans to take soccer of our television screens next season.

I cannot attend live matches because I'm handicapped. With no soccer on TV, I wouldn't be able to see my favourite sport at all.

A TV ban is the worst thing the soccer powers could possibly do...

Warren Kennard, Manor Park, London.

SHAME on you 'Match'. Your Programme Parade feature on Arsenal fan Joe Waters said that he was "as instantly recognisable to Arsenal fans as the clock on Highbury's North Bank".

The clock is on Highbury's South Terrace, which is why it is called the 'clock end'.

David Pett (14), Hatfield, Herts.

● **YOU'RE right. We made a clock-up...**

TERRACE TALK

WELCOME to the best read letters page in football... with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published.

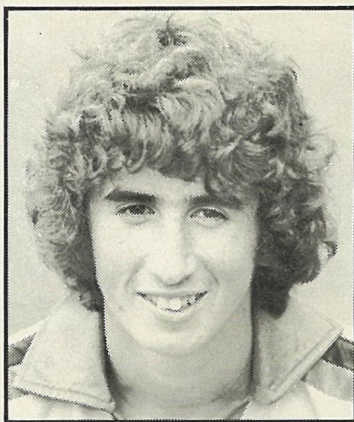
Yes, throughout the season we'll be giving away a super metal lapel badge (pictured) to every person whose comments are published in 'Match' and each badge will carry that special 'Terrace Talk' logo.

It's a prize that money can't buy and one could be yours!

Plus we will be giving a prize of £10 for what we consider to be the star letter of the week and, of course, the sender will also receive a 'Terrace Talk' badge.

So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.



Nigel Callaghan... posing for pictures.

WE went to the Coventry v Watford match and thought we would have to write about Watford's young winger, Nigel Callaghan.

We are all Coventry supporters but we called to Nigel during the pre-match warm-ups to sign our autograph books. He came over, signed our books and then leapt the barrier to pose for a photograph.

Thanks for your consideration, Nigel, and all the luck in the future.

Margaret, Anne and Sarah, Kenilworth, Warwicks.

I MUST congratulate 'Match' on your Programme Parade feature. I think it's great because I collect programmes myself.

P. Donely, Nuneaton, Warwicks.

I AM a great fan of 'Match' and Watford but it really beats me what the Watford players have to do to get into the 'Matchman of the Month' awards.

Ian Bolton, Watford's ace defender, had a brilliant spell during February with these marks in Match Facts:

February 5 issue: v Fulham, Ian scored 8.

February 12 issue: v Fulham, 9.

February 19 issue: v Swansea, 8.

February 26 issue: v A Villa, 7.

His record was better than Andy King's, who came out top in the First Division 'Matchman of the Month' awards.

Paula Sparrow (14), Wroxall, Isle of Wight.

● **WHAT you are forgetting is that Ian's performances against Fulham were in the FA Cup. For 'Matchman of the Month' purposes, only LEAGUE games qualify. Still, perhaps it's a Watford player's turn for our award next month...**

LET'S stop moaning about football and appreciate what the players are serving up.

As 'Match' showed in their 'Goal Bonanza' feature recently, more goals are being scored this season. The average goals per game in the League is 2.86 — the highest since 1966/67.

It has been a great season so far, and football deserves much better support.

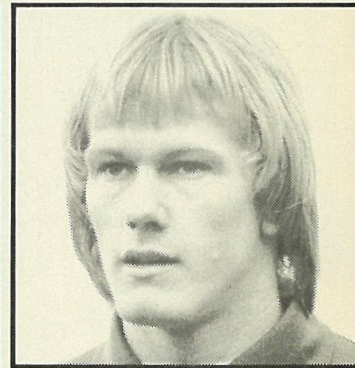
Keith Hughes, Millwall, London.

I AM an Arsenal supporter and was present at the FA Cup Fifth Round Replay against Middlesbrough at Highbury.

I'd like to pay tribute to the Middlesbrough supporters. Not only did they give their team vociferous encouragement during the game but, while waiting for the ground to clear, remained in their places waving their scarves and singing despite 'Boro losing 3-2.

They were still in full voice as they went down the road in an orderly manner towards the Tube station. Middlesbrough supporters take a bow!

Mrs R. E. John, Trearlaw, South Wales.



Gary Bailey... England need him now.

SURELY the time has come for England boss Bobby Robson to allow a younger man to keep goal.

Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan have all done a commendable job for the national side over the years but none of this trio is likely to be keeping goal in the 1986 World Cup Finals. So what's the point in picking them now?

Bobby Robson is obviously basing his team on youthful players so he should immediately instal Manchester United's Gary Bailey 'between the sticks'. The job of understudy should go to either John Lukic of Leeds or Blackpool's Iain Hesford.

These players will greatly benefit from international experience and they will be properly prepared when England contest the 1986 World Cup Finals.

David Roberts, Salford, Lancs.

I WOULD like to lodge a complaint about the lack of posters featuring Scottish players in 'Match'.

We Scots demand more pin-ups. I must admit, though, that the Danny McGrain story in 'Match' recently was very good.

William Swift (13), Peebles, Scotland.

● **WE featured Gordon Strachan and a Celtic team group in colour very recently, so we can't be that bad.**

HIGH-FLYING BLUEBIRDS!

£10 WINNER

I WOULD like to pay tribute to Cardiff City and, in particular, their manager Len Ashurst.

Len made a bold, and somewhat surprising, move from emerging neighbours Newport to Ninian Park at a time when the Bluebirds' morale was very low.

It was widely expected that Cardiff would struggle in Division Three after being relegated last season, but the opposite has occurred.

The experience of Jeff Hemmerman, Bob Hatton and Phil Dwyer, combined with the youthful talents of Paul Bodin and Andy Dibble, have helped Cardiff produce one of the most exciting teams their long-suffering supporters have seen for a long time.

If Cardiff do achieve promotion to the Second Division this season, perhaps they can match the feats of Swansea by marching up into Division One.

Andrew Ferguson, Alrewas, Staffs.

GOLDEN GOOF

"IT'S true that Kenny Dalglish is magic," says Jason Gowllett, of Streatham, London, "but I doubt

if even the super Scot can score 167 goals in a season."

PA SOCCER RUSH.
Kenny Dalglish with his 167th goal of season, gave League leaders Liverpool 66th minute lead, home to Ipswich.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

Saturday, Mar. 19

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Strachan, pen 65)
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 2 (Milne 25, 30)
Att: 24,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Cooper 6, McLeish 6,
★**MILLER** 7, Rougvié 6, Strachan 5, Bell 4
(sub. McMaster 5), McGhee 6, Hewitt 5, Weir
5 (sub. Simpson 6), Black 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Gough 6, Hegarty
7, ★**NAREY** 8, Malpas 6, Kirkwood 5,
Phillips 5, Stark 6, Bannan 5, Milne 6, Dodds
6.
Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Milne (Dundee Utd)

DUNDEE (2) 2 (Kidd 21, Scrimgeour 35)
CELTIC (1) 1 (McGarvey 36)
Att: 11,196
Dundee: Kelly 6, McGeachie 6, ★**SMITH** 7,
McDonald 6, Fraser 6, Bell 5, Scrimgeour 6,
Mackie 6, Sinclair 6, Kidd 6 (sub. Ferguson).
Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 6, McAdam 5,
Aitken 5, Sinclair 5 (sub. Reid 5), Sullivan 5
(sub. McCluskey 5), McStay 6, MacLeod 5,
Provan 6, Nicholas 6, ★**MCGARVEY** 7.
Referee: J. Duncan (Gorebridge)
Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (2) 4 (McGivern 5, Clarke 44,
Gallagher 48, 83)
MORTON (0) 0
Att: 1,200
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, Cockburn 6, Clark
R 6, ★**CLARK**, J 8, Armstrong 6, Clarke, P 6,
McGivern 6, MacLeod 6, Gallagher 7,
Simpson 7, Bryson 5 (sub. Cuthbertson 5).
Morton: Baines 6, Hayes 5 (sub. McNeill 4),
Holmes 6, ★**ROONEY** 7, McLaughlin 6,
Duffy 5 (sub. Doak 4), Payne 4, Docherty 4,
Cochrane 5, Gavagan 4, Houston 5.
Referee: C. J. White (Clarkston, Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 1 (McClelland 6)
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
Att: 1,700
Rangers: McCloy 7, Dawson 7,
★**MCCLELLAND** 8, McPherson 6, Paterson
7, Bett 5, Cooper 5 (sub. Dalziel 5), Prytz 5
(sub. McKinnon 6), Clark 6, Redford 7,
MacDonald 7.
Motherwell: Walker 7, Dorman 5, MacLeod
7, Forbes 6, Edvaldsson 7, ★**MAUCHLEN** 8,
Gahagan 6, Rafferty 5 (sub. Coyne 5), Harrow
5, McClair 6, O'Hara 5 (sub. Flavell 5).
Referee: H. Alexander (Kilmarnock)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Edvaldsson (Motherwell)

ST MIRREN (0) 3 (Fulton 55, Somner 59,
Logan 58)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att: 4,215
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 7, Clark 7,
McCormack 7, Fulton 8, Abercromby 6,
★**STARK** 9, McDougall 7, Somner 7,
McAvennie 6, Logan 6.
Hibs: ★**ROUGH** 8, Sneddon 6, Duncan 7,
Callaghan 6, Rae 7, McNamara 7, Conroy 6,
Rice 7, Irvine 6, Thomson 6, Harvey 5 (sub.
Murray 6).
Referee: K. J. Hope (Clarkston, Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

ALLOA (0) 0
DUMBARTON (0) 0
Att: 647

AYR (1) 1 (Frye 26)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Rodger 63)
Att: 939

CLYDE (1) 2 (McVeigh, pen 25, Reilly 84)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Nicholson 44)
Att: 750

DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Stewart 89)
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Williamson 76)
Att: 1,100

HAMILTON (0) 0
RAITH (0) 5 (Marshall 19, 59, Harris 57,
Kerr, pen 80, Russell, pen 84)
Att: 824

HEARTS (1) 4 (Robertson 31, 67, 82,
Pettigrew 89)
PARTICK (0) 0
Att: 7,000

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5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Brannigan 73)
FALKIRK (0) 0
Att: 2,295

Second Division

ALBION (1) 1 (Evans 34)
FORFAR (0) 0
Att: 250

ARBROATH (0) 3 (Steele, pen 46, Harley
65, Lees 74)
BERWICK (1) 1 (Moyes 43)
Att: 502

BRECHIN (1) 4 (Campbell 11, 63, 82,
Paterson 78)
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Dierney 55)
Att: 500

EAST FIFE (4) 4 (Halley 8, Thomson, pen 15,
Caithness 19, 38)
MONTROSE (0) 0
Att: 450

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Meakin, pen 34)
MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Stewart 26, Young,
og 27)
Att: 500

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (2) 3 (Cloy, pen 6,
Busby 22, Gordon 50)
STIRLING (0) 5 (Colquhoun 63, 76, Torrance
65, 73, 80)
Att: 600

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Murray 15)
STRANRAER (1) 1 (Murdoch 27)
Att: 250

Sunday, Mar. 20 Division Four

NORTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Gage 65, Sandy 81)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cowling 39)
Att: 2,634

Northampton: Gleasure 8, Tucker 5 (sub.
Denyer 6), Phillips 5, Gage 6, ★**BURROWS**
9, Coffill 8, Buchanan 7, Sandy 6, Syrett 6,
Massey 6, Saxby 6.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 7, Pointon 6,
Reid 6, Baines 5, ★**HUNTER** 8, O'Berg 5
(sub. Oates 5), Cammack 7, Cowling 7,
Parkinson 6, Leman 6.
Referee: T. G. Bune (Newbury)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (1) 2 (Crawford 9, Riley 74)
Att: 3,094
Torquay: Horn 6, Smith 6, Young 4, Wilson 5,
Little 8, Rioch 7, Jones 6, James 6, Bishop 5,
★**ANDERSON** 8, Gallagher 5.
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Newman 6, Williams 6,
6, Nicholls 7, ★**PHILLIPSON-MASTERS** 8,
Riley 6, Economou 6, Ritchie 6, Williams, P 6
(sub. Palmer), Cooper 6, Crawford 7.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Mar. 22 Division One

ARSENAL (2) 2 (Rix 20, Whyte 42)
IPSWICH (0) 2 (Wark 69, Putney 87)
Att: 17,639
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 5, Sansom 6,
Devine 6, Whyte 7, Nicholas 6, Talbot 5, Davis
6, Sunderland 6, Woodcock 6, ★**RIX** 8.
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, Gernon 5,
Putney 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 6,
McCall 6, D'Avray 5, Thijssen 6,
★**O'CALLAGHAN** 8.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (2) 2 (Robinson 6, Howlett 12)
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Rush 76, 85)
Att: 25,030
Brighton: Moseley 7, Ramsey 8, Gating 6,
Grealish 6, Foster 7, Stevens 7, Case 7, Smith
6, ★**ROBINSON** 9, Howlett 8, Smillie 7.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 6, Kennedy 7,
Lawrenson 6, Whelan 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish
6, Lee 6, ★**RUSH** 8, Johnston 6, Thompson 6
(sub. Fairclough 5).
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 (Stapleton 47,
McGarvey 63)
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Devonshire 72)
Att: 30,700

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 7, Albiston 6,
Moses 6, McGrath 6, Duxbury 6, Wilkins 7,
Muhren 6, ★**STAPLETON** 8 (sub. Macari),
McGarvey 6, Coppell 6.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Lampard 6,
Bonds 6, Martin 6, ★**DEVONSHIRE** 8, Van
der Elst 5, Goddard 6, Orr 5 (sub. Dickens 6),
Allen 6, Pike 5.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 2 (Blissett 52, 90)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Ferguson 69)
Att: 14,229
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 7,
Taylor 6, Sims 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 7,
★**BLISSETT** 8, Barnes 7, Jackett 7, Jobson 6
(sub. Armstrong 7).
Birmingham: Coton 7, Hagan 6, Dennis 6,
Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Halsall 7, ★**GAYLE** 8,
Ferguson 7, Harford 7, Curbishley 6, Dillon 7.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

QPR (2) 5 (Sealy 18, 71, Hazell 19, Gregory
60, Stainrod 61)
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Little 37)
Att: 10,776
QPR: Hacker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 6, Waddock 7,
Hazell 7, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 7 (sub.
Allen), ★**SEALY** 8, Stainrod 7, Flanagan 7,
Gregory 7.
Charlton: Johns 6, Curtis 5, Dickenson 6,
McAllister 5, Smith 6, Berry 5, Aizlewood 6,
Harris 5, Gritt 5, ★**LITTLE** 7, Robinson 6.
Referee: M. Dimplebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2
(McCulloch 49, Megson 71)
LEICESTER (1) 2 (McDonald 40, Smith, A
74)
Att: 14,036
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, ★**STERLAND** 8, Bailey
7, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, Megson 7,
Taylor 6, Pearson 6, McCulloch 7, Heard 7.
Leicester: Wallington 7, Ramsey 7, Smith, B
6, McDonald 7, English 6, O'Neill 7, Lynex 6,
Lineker 6 (sub. May 6), Smith, A 7, ★**DALY** 8,
Wilson 6.
Referee: N. H. Glover (Adlington)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Bowles 40)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Hebbard 78)
Att: 5,086
Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7 (sub. Walker),
Wilkins 6, McNichol 7, Whitehead 7, Booker
7, Kamara 7, Joseph 7, Cassells 6,
★**BOWLES** 8, Roberts 6.
Oxford: Hardwick 7, Attley 7, Grant 6 (sub.
Brock 6), Lawrence 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 7,
Jones 6, ★**WHATMORE** 8, Vinter 7, Hebbard
7, Smithers 7.
Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ROCHDALE v COLCHESTER — Match
Postponed

SCOTTISH First Division

PARTICK (1) 1 (McDowall 5)
RAITH (0) 0
Att: 1,200

Welsh Cup, Semi-Final, Second Leg

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Stevenson, Curtis,
Latchford)
COLWYN BAY (0) 0
Att: 2,932
Swansea win 4-0 on aggregate

Wednesday, Mar. 23 Division One

NORWICH (0) 1 (Walford 79)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Whitton 68)
Att: 13,944

Cut out and keep

MATCHFACTS MATCHFACTS

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 7, Mendham 6, Walford 7, Watson 7, ★**BARHAM** 8, O'Neill 7 (sub. Channon 7), Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Bennett 6, Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Jacobs 6, Dyson 7, ★**GILLESPIE** 8, Whitton 7, Francis 6, Hateley 6, Hunt 7, Hurdie 7, Referee: J. Scales (Ware) Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Falco 34, 84) **ASTON VILLA (0) 0** Att: 22,455
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, ★**O'REILLY** 8, Roberts 7, Miller 7, Perryman 7, Mabbutt 7, Brazil 7, Falco 7, Huddle 6 (sub. Gibson), Galvin 6.
Aston Villa: ★**SPINK** 8, Williams 6, Gibson 6, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6, Bremner 6, Shaw 7 (sub. Morley 6), Withe 6, Cowans 7, Walters 6.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend) Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

OLDHAM v BURNLEY — Match Postponed

Division Three

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Bell 82) **NEWPORT (3) 4** (Tynan 6, 43, Lowndes 33, 65) Att: 4,742
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Simmonite 5, ★**NEALE** 7, Thompson, C 5, Peake 5, Thompson, S 6, Burke 5, Turner 6, Moss 5, Bell 5, Shipley 6.
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 7, Relish 7, Bailey 7, Oakes 8, ★**STROUD** 9, Lowndes 8, Aldridge 8, Tynan 8, Vaughan 7, Boyle 7.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering) Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 0 **RANGERS (0) 0** Att: 51,062
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, McAdam 6, Sullivan 6, Provan 7 (sub. McCluskey), McStay 8, ★**NICHOLAS** 9, MacLeod 8, McGarvey 6.
Rangers: McCloy 7, ★**DAWSON** 9, McClelland 7, McPherson 7, Paterson 8, Bett 7, Cooper 7, McKinnon 6, Clark 6, Redford 6 (sub. Prytz), MacDonald 6 (sub. Dalziel).
Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee) Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN v ABERDEEN — Match Postponed

First Division

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Jobson 42) **CLYDE (1) 2** (Nevin 32, O'Neill 65) Att: 1,340

Second Division

ALBION v COWDENBEATH — Match Postponed

MEADOWBANK v STRANRAER — Match Postponed

MATCH WINNERS

DAMIAN O'Brien of Oldham, is the lucky winner of a super Ricoh camera in our March 5 cartoon caption writing competition.

The following ten runners-up each receive a Ricoh T-shirt: Louise Oughton, Crossgate Moor, Durham; David Preston, Birmingham; Julian Harrison, Shrewsbury; Stuart Rowe, Begbroke, Oxfordshire; Ian Postlewaite, Leigh; Stephen Craner, Coventry; Nicholas Blundell, Studley, Warwickshire; Robert Saxon, Stockport; R. J. Snow, Leicester; Mark Hayward, Rugby.

Welsh Cup, Semi-Final, Second Leg

WREXHAM (0) 0 **CAERNARVON (0) 0**
Wrexham win 2-0 on aggregate

Friday, Mar. 25 Division Three

DONCASTER (0) 0 **GILLINGHAM (0) 2** (Bowman 66, Cascarino 72) Att: 2,528
Doncaster: Peacock 5, Russell 5, Johnson 5, Snodin, G 6, Humphries 6, ★**LISTER** 7, Walker 6, Mell 5, Austin 4 (sub. Douglas 5), Mann 5, Robertson 6.
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 7, Shaw 7, Duncan 5 (sub. Horrix 5), Tydeman 6, Bowman 7, Weatherly 6, Mehmet 6, ★**CASCARINO** 8.
Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe) Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (0) 0 **WREXHAM (0) 0** Att: 1,969
Orient: ★**DAY** 8, Cornwell 7, Roffey 7, Foster 7, Gray 6, McNeil 7, Donn 6, Price 6, Houchen 6, Kitchen 6, Godfrey 7.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, King 7, Evans 7, Muldoon 6 (sub. Hill 6), ★**DOWMAN** 8, Keay 6, Arkwright 7, Buxton 7, Hunt 6, Bater 7, Gregory 6.
Referee: K. P. Barratt (Warwickshire) Match Rating: ★★

READING (1) 1 (Dixon 4) **WALSALL (1) 1** (Summerfield 9) Att: 3,107
Reading: Judge 6, Williams 6, Richardson 6, Beavan 6, Hicks 6, ★**WHITE** 7, Earles 5, Price 5, Dixon 6, Bason 6, Sanchez 5.
Walsall: Green 7, Caswell 6, Mower 6, Beech 6, Sinnott 7, Hart 6, Kearns 5, Preece 6, ★**SUMMERFIELD** 8, Buckley 6, O'Kelly 6.
Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar) Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Osborne 4, Bowen 47, Adcock 60) **TRANMERE (2) 3** (Griffiths 13, Aspinall 45, Brown 75) Att: 2,547
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 5, Longhorn 6, McDonough 5, Wignall 6, Coleman 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 7 (sub. Leslie 6), Bowen 7, ★**ADCOCK** 8, Hull 7.
Tranmere: Adkins 6, Burgess 6, Williams, G 5, Oliver 5, Hamilton 7, Williams, J 6, Ferguson 6, Aspinall 7, Wellings 6, Brown 6, ★**GRIFFITHS** 8.
Referee: E. Scales (Ware) Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX v WIMBLEDON — Match Postponed

SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Hunter 72, 74) **CREWE (0) 0** Att: 2,938
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 6, Pointon 6, Lester 6, Baines 7, ★**HUNTER** 8, Graham 7, Cammack 6, Cowling 6, Parkinson 6, Leman 6.
Crewe: Smith 6, Brady 7, Bowers 6, Edwards 7, Chapman 7, Hart 6, Miller 7, Bancroft 6, Waller 6, ★**WALKER** 8, Cliss 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate) Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Mar. 26 Milk Cup Final

LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Kennedy 75, Whelan 99) **MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1** (Whiteside 12) After Extra Time — Score at 1-1 after 90 minutes
Att: 100,000
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, ★**KENNEDY** 8, Lawrenson 7, Whelan 6, Hansen 7, Daighish 7, Lee 6, Rush 6, Johnston 6 (sub. Fairclough 5), Souness 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 7, Albiston 6, Moses 5, Moran 6 (sub. Macari 5), ★**McQUEEN** 8, Wilkins 7, Muhren 5, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, Coppell 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor) Match Rating: ★★

Division One

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Ferguson 29, pen 36, Harford 46) **NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0** Att: 11,744

Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Dennis 6, Stevenson 7, Blake 7, ★**VAN DEN HAUWE** 8, Gayle 6, Ferguson 7, Harford 6, Halsall 6, Hopkins 7.
Notts County: Avramovic 5, Benjamin 6, ★**WORTHINGTON** 7, Hunt 5, Kilkline 5, Richards 6, Harkouk 6 (sub. Clarke 5), Goodwin 5, McCulloch 5, Christie 5, O'Brien 5.
Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood) Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Dennis (Birmingham)

BRIGHTON (0) 0 **ASTON VILLA (0) 0** Att: 14,657
Brighton: Moseley 6, Ramsey 6, Gattling 6, Greulich 7 (sub. Smith 6), ★**FOSTER** 8, Stevens 7, Case 7, Connor 6, Robinson 6, Howlett 6, Smillie 6.
Aston Villa: Spink 6, Williams 6, Gibson 7, Evans 7, ★**McNAUGHT** 8, Mortimer 6, Bremner 7, Shaw 6, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Walters 7.
Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury) Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (Ainscow 2, Heath 72) **ARSENAL (0) 3** (Robson 53, Sunderland 58, Woodcock 76) Att: 16,318
Everton: Arnold 5, Stevens 5 (sub. Irvine 4), Bailey 6, Ratcliffe 5, Higgins 6, Richardson 6, Ainscow 7, ★**McMAHON** 9, Sharp 7, Heath 6, Sheedy 7.
Arsenal: Wood 7, Robson 7, Sansom 8, Whyte 7, O'Leary 8, Nicholas 7, Talbot 6, Davis 7, Sunderland 7, ★**WOODCOCK** 8, Rix 8.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe) Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (1) 1 (Horton, pen 26) **SUNDERLAND (1) 3** (Pickering 3, 58, James 75) Att: 11,221
Luton: Godden 6, ★**STEPHENS** 8, Elliott 7, Horton 6, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 5, Hill 5, Aylott 7, Walsh 7, Turner 5 (sub. Daniel), Moss 6.
Sunderland: Turner 6, Nicholl 7, Munro 6, Atkins 7, Chisholm 7, Proctor 7, Venison 7, Worthington 6, Rowell 7, James 7, ★**PICKERING** 8.
Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth) Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 **IPSWICH (0) 1** (Wark 56) Att: 21,845
Man City: ★**WILLIAMS** 9, Ranson 7, Bond 7, Reid 6, Caton 7, Power 6, Reeves 8, Baker 6, Hartford 6, Bodak 6 (sub. Tueart 6), Cross 5.
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 6, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Gernon 7, Putney 7, Wark 8, McCall 7, O'Callaghan 7, ★**MARINER** 9, D'Avray 7.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield) Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan, pen 66) **WEST HAM (1) 1** (Dickens 25) Att: 18,586
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, ★**DOWNES** 8, Mendham 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 7, O'Neill 6, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6 (sub. Jack), Channon 7.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, ★**BONDS** 8, Martin 7, Devonshire 6, Orr 6, Goddard 7, Swindlehurst 7, Dickens 7, Pike 6.
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinkley) Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Hodge 33) **SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2** (Armstrong 68, Wallace 82) Att: 13,461
Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Anderson 7, Bowyer 6, Gunn 6, Fairclough 6, Walsh 6, Wilson 6, Wallace 6 (sub. Wigley 6), Davenport 6, ★**HODGE** 8, Robertson 6.
Southampton: Shilton 7, Agboola 6, Mills 7, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, Wright 6, Holmes 6, Baird 6, Moran 6, ★**ARMSTRONG** 8, Wallace 7.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton) Match Rating: ★★

STOKE (1) 4 (Thomas 11, Painter 63, Chamberlain, M 75, McAughtrie 82) **WATFORD (0) 0** Att: 14,276
Stoke: Fox 8, Boulde 6, Hampton 8, Bracewell 6, Watson 8, Berry 8, ★**PAINTER** 9, McLroy 6, Griffiths 7, Thomas 8, Chamberlain, M 8 (sub. McAughtrie 8).

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 6, ★**TAYLOR** 8, Sims 6, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7, Armstrong 6, Jactett 6 (sub. Lohman 7), Barnes 7.
Referee: R. Guy (Merseyside) Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (1) 2 (James 36, Latchford 54) **WEST BROM (0) 1** (Thompson 90) Att: 11,222

Swansea: Sander 6, Marustik 7, Richards 6, Stevenson 6, ★**LEWIS** 8, Rajkovic 7, Loveridge 6, James 7, Walsh 6 (sub. Curtis), Stanley 6, Latchford 7.
West Brom: Barron 6, Webb 6, ★**STATHAM** 7, Zondervan 6, Wile 6, Robertson 5, Jol 6, Thompson 6, Regis 6, Owen 6, Whitehead 5 (sub. Cross 5).
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset) Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Garner, pen 44) **QPR (2) 3** (Stainrod 24, 28, Flanagan 70) Att: 5,317
Blackburn: Gennoe 5, Branagan 5, ★**RATHBONE** 6, Randell 5, Mail 4, Keeley 4 (sub. Bell 4), Miller 5, Hamilton 5, Lowey 5, Garner 5, Brotherton 4.
QPR: Hucker 5, Neill 5, Davies 5, Waddock 4, Hazell 5, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 5, Sealy 6, ★**STAINROD** 7, Flanagan 6, Gregory 5.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle) Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (0) 0 **DERBY (0) 2** (Brolly 46, Wilson 56) Att: 7,041
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 6, Berry 5, Redfern 6, ★**JONES** 8, Doyle 6, Chandler 6, Rudge 7, Moores 6, Hoggan 6, Gray 6.
Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6, ★**GEMMILL** 9, Powell 8, Fletcher 8, Brolly 6, Davison 6, Wilson 6, Hooks 6, Mills 7.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle) Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Sinton 46, 54) **BURNLEY (0) 0** Att: 3,549
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 7, Turner 6, Fallon 7, Finney 6, Christie 6 (sub. Reilly), ★**SINTON** 8, Goldsmith 7, Fisher 6, Cooke 6.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Donachie 6, Phelan 6, Dobson 6, ★**FLYNN** 7, Scott 6, Steven 6, Taylor 6, Donovan 6, Young 6.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford) Match Rating: ★★

CHELSEA (0) 0 **BARNLEY (1) 3** (Hales, og 16, Cunningham 50, Parker 60) Att: 7,223
Chelsea: Francis 6, Lee 6, Hutchings 5, Bustead 5, Chivers 5, Pates 6, Hales 6, Walker 5 (sub. Jones 6), Speedie 6, Rhoades-Brown 6, ★**CANOVILLE** 7.
Barnley: Pierce 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, McGuire 7, Banks 7, ★**McCARTHY** 8, Law 7, Parker 7, Ronson 7, Cunningham 7, Birch 7.
Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil) Match Rating: ★★

FULHAM (2) 4 (Wilson 24, 50, Davies 41, Lewington 76) **GRIMSBY (0) 0** Att: 8,096
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Lock 6, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Coney 7, ★**HOUGHTON** 8, Lewington 7.
Grimsbey: Batch 6, Moore, D 5, Crosby 5, Waters 6, Saxby 5 (sub. Crombie 5), Moore, K 6, Ford 6, Bonnyman 6, Wilkinson 6, ★**O'DELL** 7, Cumming 6.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol) Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 2 (Ritchie 50, Gray, pen 90) **CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1** (Murphy, pen 25) Att: 13,973
Leeds: Harvey 7, Thomas 6, Gray, F 7, Sheridan 6, Hart 7, Dickinson 6, Hird 6, Butterworth 6, Ritchie 7, ★**DONNELLY** 8, Graham 7.
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Locke 6, ★**MURPHY** 8, Nebbeling 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Brown 5, Hughton 6, Jones 6, Giles 5, Hilaire 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach) Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Bell 29, Baxter 46, 80) **CHARLTON (0) 0** Att: 7,057
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 7, Nattrass 7, Bolton 7, Baxter 7, Mowbray 7, Otto 7 (sub. Currie), Sugrue 6, ★**KENNEDY** 8, Wood 7, Shearer 5, Bell 7.

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Charlton: Johns 5, Gritt 5, Aizlewood 5, McAllister 5, Smith 5, Berry 5, Bullivant 5, ★**HARRIS 6**, Hales 5, Little 5, Robinson 5.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Keegan, pen 68, McDermott 79)
LEICESTER (1) 2 (Lineker 26, 67)
Att: 22,655
Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 7, Wharton 6, ★**MARTIN 9**, Clarke 8, Carney 6, Keegan 7, McDonald 6 (sub. McCreery 7), Varadi 6, McDermott 7, Waddle 7.
Leicester: Wallaington 7, Ramsey 7, Smith, B 6, McDonald 6, English 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 7, Lineker 8, Smith, A 7, Daly 7, ★**WILSON 9**.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (McBride, pen 62)
CARLISLE (0) 2 (Robson, K 53, Poskett 88)
Att: 5,486
Rotherham: Mimms 6, Forrest 7, Friar 6, Gow 7, Johnson 7, Green 6, Arnott 7, Seasman 6, Moore 7, Mitchell 6, ★**McBRIDE 8**.
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Parker 6, Haigh 6, ★**COUGHLIN 8**, Rushbury 7, McCartney 6, Robson, K 7, Robson, B 6, Poskett 7, Bannon 6 (sub. Craig), Shoulder 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Att: 14,320
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, ★**STERLAND 8**, Bailey 7, Shirtliff, Peter 7, Lyons 6, Shelton 7 (sub. Pearson 6), Megson 7, Taylor 6, Bannister 7, McCulloch 6, Heard 6.
Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 7, ★**WILLIAMS 8**, Johnson 7, Turner 7, Pearson 7, Stevens 6, Petts 6, MacLaren 7, Brown 6, Robinson 6, Bates 5.
Referee: N. Midgeley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

WOLVES (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 0
Att: 12,940
Wolves: Burrridge 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 5, Smith 5, Pender 4, Dodd 4, Kellock 4, Clarke 6, ★**GRAY 7**, Eves 5, Matthews 5.
Oldham: Goram 7, Sinclair 7, Ryan 7, Bowden 6, Clements 7, Hoolickin 6, Wyld 7, ★**ATKINSON 8**, McDonough 6, Henry 6, Palmer 7.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Vaughan 4)
Att: 5,121
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, ★**BRIGNULL 8**, Impey 6, Best 6, Beck 7, Lee 6, Nightingale 6 (sub. Graham), Dawtry 7.
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 7, Relish 6, Bailey 6 (sub. Elsey), Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7, Aldridge 6, Tynan 6, ★**VAUGHAN 8**, Boyle 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Bowles, pen 5)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Att: 6,277
Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7, Booker 6, McNichol 6, Whitehead 7, ★**HURLOCK 8**, Kamara 6, Joseph 7, Cassells 6, Bowles 7, Roberts 6.
Huddersfield: ★**COX 8**, Brown 6, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Harvey 6, Lillis 7, Doyle 6 (sub. Pugh 6), Russell 6, Wilson 6, Cowling 6.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bennett, G 64)
LINCOLN (0) 0
Att: 8,021
Cardiff: Steele 6, Jones 7, Mullen 6, Tong 6, Dwyer 6, ★**BENNETT, G 8**, Bennett, D 6, Gibbins 6, Hatton 5, Hemmerman 6, Micallef 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Simmonite 6, Neale 7, ★**THOMPSON, C 8**, Peake 7, Thompson, S 6, Turner 5, Hobson 5, Moss 5, Bell 6, Shipley 6.
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Windridge 63)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Green, og 83)
Att: 2,332

Chesterfield: ★**TURNER 8**, O'Neill 6, Partridge 5, Kendal 7, Green 6, Pollard 4, Plummer 5, Owen 6, Henderson 4, Ross 5, Windridge 6.
Preston: Hodge 6, Hinnigan 6, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 6, Booth 5, Lodge 5, Sayer 5 (sub. Kelly), Gowling 6, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, ★**BELL 8**.
Referee: G. Naphine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (1) 2 (Crown 14, Pratt 85)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 48)
Att: 2,639
Exeter: Shepherd 7, Rogers, M 6, Viney 6, Harle 6, Marker 7, Phillips 7, Burke 6, ★**ROGERS, P 8**, Kellow 6 (sub. Pratt 7), Delve 6, Crown 7.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Abbott 7, Chapman 7, Podd 6, Jackson 6, Cherry 7, McCall 7, ★**COOKE 8**, Campbell 7, Gray 6, Lampkin 6.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (1) 1 (Hebberd, pen 2)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Cooper 23)
Att: 4,786
Oxford: Hardwick 6, Attley 6, Smithers 6, Lawrence 5 (sub. Biggins), Briggs 5, Shotton 6, Jones 6, Whatmore 5, Vinter 5, ★**HEBBERD 7**, Brock 6.
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 5, Harrison 6, Smith 6, ★**COOPER 8**, Hodges 7, Phillips 5, Sims 6, Stanforth 7, Rogers 5.
Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★

PORTSMOUTH (1) 1 (Tait 42)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0
Att: 17,828
Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, ★**TAIT 8**, Rollings 6, Aizlewood 7, Webb 6, Dillon 6, Morgan 5, Biley 5, Rogers 5.
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Sherwood 6, Williams, B 6, Williams, G 6, Parkin 7, ★**McCAFFERY 8**, Ball 5, Pulis 5 (sub. Stephens 6), Withey 5, Randall 6, Platnauer 6.
Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (1) 3 (Phillips 48, 82, pen 89)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Morris, pen 33)
Att: 3,769
Southend: Delf 7, Stead 7, Pennyfather 7, Owers 6, Yates 6, Moody 6, Pountney 6, Phillips 7, May 7, Linford 7, ★**NELSON 8**.
Sheff Utd: ★**WAUGH 8**, Smith 6, Garner 6, Henderson 6, West 7, Kenworthy 7, Morris 6, Trussell 6, Young 6 (sub. Edwards 6), Curran 7, Towner 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Henderson (Sheff. Utd)

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 2,054
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Bardsley 6, Butler, J 7, ★**DEARY 8**, Hetzke 6, Greenall 7, Hockaday 6, McNiven 6, Stewart 7, Noble 5, Pashley 6.
Northampton: Gleasure 7, Tucker 7, Saxby 7, Gage 7, Burrows 7, Coffill 6, ★**BEAVON 8**, Saunders 6, Syrett 7, Massey 7, Denyer 7.
Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 3 (Riley 50, Williams, P 60, Crawford 82)
MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Caldwell 34)
Att: 4,919
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Newman 6, Williams, G 7, Nicholls 7, Phillipson-Masters 6, ★**RILEY 8**, Ritchie 6, Williams, P 7, Cooper 7, Economou 6, Crawford 6.
Mansfield: Arnold 7, Blackhall 7, Kearney 6, Rhodes 7, Bird 6 (sub. Kennedy 6), Calderwood 6, Woodhead 7, Bell 6, ★**DUNGWORTH 8**, Caldwell 6, Reynolds 6.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHESTER (1) 1 (Manns 70)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (McDonald 83)
Att: 1,197
Chester: Harrington 6, Needham 6, Lane 5, Storton 6, Zelem 5, Blackwell 5, Sloan 7, Simpson 6, ★**THOMAS 8**, Manns 6, Williams 5.
Aldershot: Johnson 7, Scott 5, Gillard 7, Briley 6, Whitlock 5, Jopling 5 (sub. Andruzewski 6), Shrubbs 5, Banton 7, Senior 6, ★**McDONALD 8**, Brodie 7.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendall)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 3 (Walsh 64, McLean 74, McFadden 89)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Sword 39)
Att: 1,012
Darlington: Barber 7, Kamara 7, ★**YOUNG 8**, Smith 6, Barton 6, Cartwright 7, Gilbert 5, McLean 7, Todd 6, Walsh 7, McFadden 6.
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 5, Sherlock 6, ★**EMERSON 8**, Sword 7, Thorpe 6, Williams 6, Phillips 5, Quinn 7, Power 7, Smith 6.
Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

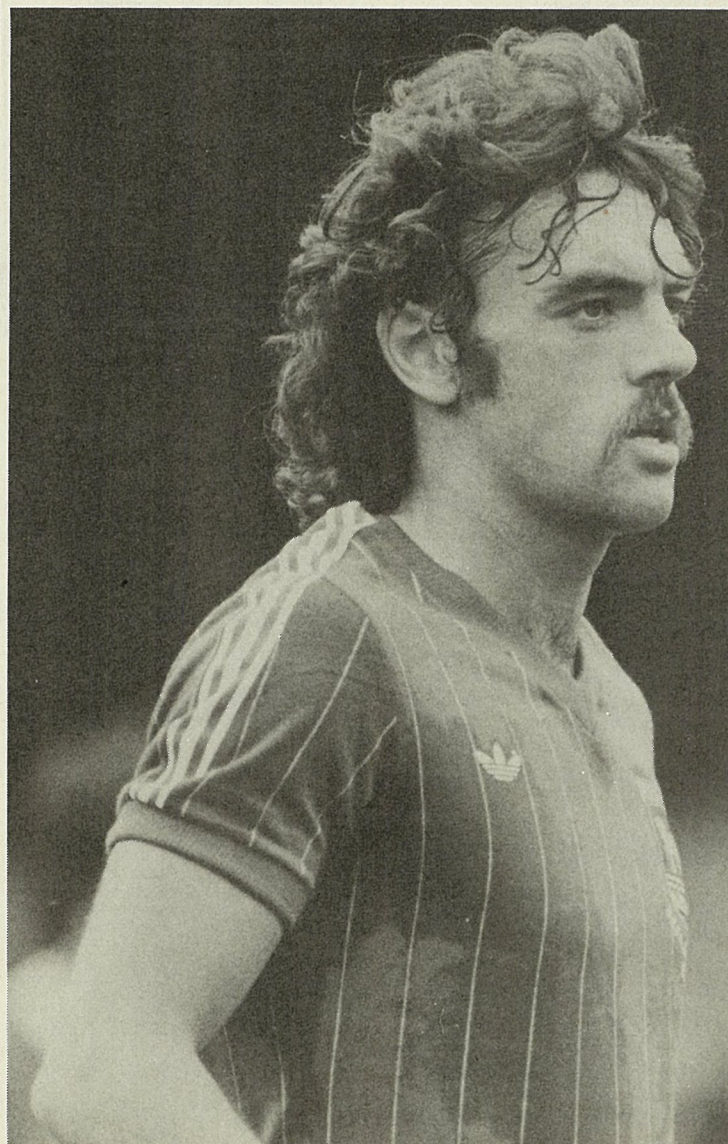
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Phillips 86)
Att: 1,147
Hartlepool: Blackburn 6, Brown 6, Barker 5, Robinson 7, ★**BIRD 8**, Linighan 6, Lowe 5 (sub. Stewart 5), Boam 7, Linacre 7, Langridge 5, Johnson 6.
Hereford: Wilmot 6, Price 5, Bartley 7, Larkin 7, Pejic 5, Maddy 6, Hayes 5, Lane 6, Phillips 7, ★**CARTER 8**, White 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★

HULL (0) 1 (Marwood 67)
PORT VALE (0) 0
Att: 15,615
Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 8, Roberts, D 8, ★**SKIPPER 9**, Askew 7, Booth 6, Marwood 6, Hughes 6, Whitehurst 6, Mutrie 7, Roberts, G 6.
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrt 5, ★**SPROSON 8**, Cegielski 7, Bromage 6, Armstrong 7, Steel 6, Lawrence, M 6, Fox 7, Lawrence, L 6, Hunter 6 (sub. Ridley).
Referee: H. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Higgins 48)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Chard 83)
Att: 1,560
Rochdale: Pearce 6, Keenan 6, Carr 7, Farrell 7, McElhinney 7, Taylor 7, ★**THOMPSON, D 8**, Thompson, S 7, Higgins 7, Greenhoff 7, Martinez 6.
Peterborough: Naylor 6, Carmichael 7, Collins 6, ★**GYNN 8**, Firm 7, Slack 7, Clarke 6, Rodaway 7, Chard 6, Benjamin 6, Linton 7.
Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★★

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Roch 85, Cooper 89)
BURY (1) 3 (Parker, pen 43, Johnson 82, Cantello 84)
Att: 1,565
Torquay: Horn 6, Jones 6, ★**HOLMES 8**, Wilson 6, Little 6, James 6, Grapes 6, Carter 6, Cooper 7, Anderson 7, Gallagher 6 (sub. Rioch).
Bury: Brown 7, ★**GARDNER 9**, Breckin 7, Cantello 7, Bramhall 7, Halliday 6, Firth 6, Parker 7, Johnson 6, Jakub 6, Potts 6.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Wilson (Torquay)

YORK (0) 0
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 3,265
York: Jones 7, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 7, Smith 7, ★**HOOD 8**, Ford 6, Crosbie 6, Walwyn 7, Byrne 6, Pollard 7.
Swindon: ★**ALLAN 8**, Bailie 6, Baddeley 6, Batty 6, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Baverstock 6, Barnard 7, Rideout 7, Rowland 7, Blackler 6.
Referee: R. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★★



John Wark . . . scored Ipswich's winner at Maine Road to push Manchester City nearer the relegation zone.

MATCH FACTS MATCH FACTS

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 1 (Provan 82)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Fulton 68)
 Att: 15,935
 Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 5, Reid 5, Aitken 6,
 McAdam 6, Sullivan 4 (sub. McCluskey 4),
 Provan 5, ★**McSTAY** 7, McGarvey 5,
 MacLeod 6, Nicholas 5.
St Mirren: ★**THOMSON** 8, Wilson 6, Clarke
 6, Fitzpatrick 6, McCormack 7, Fulton 6, Stark
 5, Abercromby 5, Logan 4, McAvennie 5,
 Somner 4 (sub. Wardrop 4).
 Referee: A. Ferguson (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE UNITED (3) 3 (Dodds 8, Britton 23,
 Gough 43)
HIBERNIAN (1) 3 (Rae 4, Irvine 64, Rice 81)
 Att: 7,279
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 5, Gough 5, Malpas
 5, Stark 5, Hegarty 6, Narey 5, Bannion 5 (sub.
 Taylor), Britton 6, Reilly 6, Kirkwood 5,
 ★**DODDS** 7.
 Hibs: Rough 5, Sneddon 5, Duncan 5, Conroy
 5 (sub. Callaghan 6), Rae 6, McNamara 5,
 ★**RICE** 8, Turnbull 5, Irvine 6, Thomson 6,
 Harvey 6.
 Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
 Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald 16)
 Att: 6,500
 Kilmarnock: ★**McCULLOCH** 8, Cockburn
 6, Clark, R 6, Clark, J 7, Armstrong 6, Clarke
 7, McGivern 5, McClurg 5, Gallagher 6,
 MacLeod 5, Bryson 5 (sub. McDicken 5).
 Rangers: McCloy 6, Dawson 6, McClelland 6,
 McPherson 7, Paterson 6, ★**BETT** 8, Cooper
 7 (sub. Dalziel), McKinnon 6, Clark 7, Redford
 7, MacDonald 7.
 Referee: D. S. Downie (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (1) 1 (Ritchie 30)
ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Watson 82, Black 89)
 Att: 4,000

Morton: ★**KYLE** 8, Houston 5, Holmes 6,
 Rooney 7, McLaughlin 7, Docherty 6, McNeill
 6, McNab 5, Hutchison 6, Cochrane 6, Ritchie
 7 (sub. Payne).
 Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, McMaster
 5, Cooper 5 (sub. Watson 7), Rougie 5 (sub.
 McLeish 7), Miller 7, Strachan 6, Simpson 7,
 McGhee 7, ★**BLACK** 8, Weir 7.
 Referee: H. Alexander (Irvine)
 Match Rating: ★★

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Forbes 38)
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Ferguson 87)
 Att: 3,222
 Motherwell: Walker 6, Dornan 5, MacLeod 5,
 ★**FORBES** 8, Carson 6, Mauchlen 6,
 Gahagan 7, Rafferty 5, Harrow 6, McClair 4
 (sub. Flavell 4), Coyne 4.
 Dundee: Kelly 6, McGeachie 6, McKimmie 6,
 ★**FRASER** 7, Smith 5, MacDonald 5, Mackie
 6, Bell 5, Sinclair 4, Scrimgeour 4 (sub.
 Stephen 4), Kidd 5 (sub. Ferguson).
 Referee: H. Williamson (Renfrew)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

ALLOA (0) 1 (McComb 46)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Stewart 76)
 Att: 1,063

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Rodger, og 14)
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Flood 38)
 Att: 450

FALKIRK (0) 1 (McCulley, pen 71)
HAMILTON (1) 1 (McLaughlin 9)
 Att: 1,700

HEARTS (1) 3 (Robertson 11, Mackay 46,
 MacDonald, R 73)
CLYDE (0) 1 (O'Neill 68)
 Att: 4,647

PARTICK (2) 3 (Watson 29, McDowall 44,
 Johnston, pen 60)
AYR (1) 1 (A'Herne, pen 74)
 Att: 2,035

RAITH (1) 1 (Kerr, pen 61)
CLYDEBANK (1) 3 (Coyne 40, 77,
 Williamson 51)
 Att: 1,000

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 2 (Brogan 9, 38)
QUEEN'S PARK (1) 1 (Crawley 20)
 Att: 1,924

Second Division

ALBION (0) 1 (Main 76)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Thompson, pen 37)
 Att: 300
BERWICK (1) 3 (Armstrong, pen 30, pen 50,
 Grady 61)
MONTROSE (1) 1 (McManus 19)
 Att: 526
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Paterson 85)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 500
COWDENBEATH (0) 1 (Henderson 83)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Murray 31)
 Att: 300

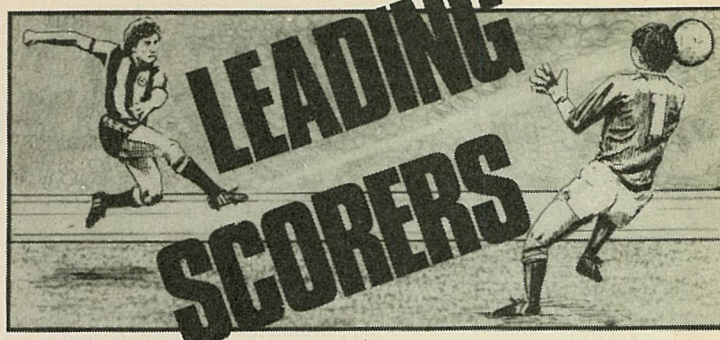
FORFAR (1) 2 (Liddle 34, McDonald 62)
STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 825

MEADOWBANK (0) 0
ARBROATH (2) 3 (Gavine 40, Lees 44, Shaw
 54)
 Att: 500

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Sweeney 36)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 250

MATCH WEEKLY/ SUBBUTEO CHAMPIONSHIPS

MATCH WEEKLY readers who came
 along to see the South Wales Regional
 Final of the Match Weekly / Subbuteo
 National Championships held at FC
 Eddershaw, Swansea last Saturday
 found themselves on television.
 HTV filmed the absorbing Final
 between Robert Thomas and Michael Hill
 which Robert eventually won 3-1.
 The two losing semi-finalists, Simon
 Bigmore and Stuart Osbourne, join
 Robert and Michael in qualifying for the
 Welsh National Final to be held at the
 National Centre for Sport in Cardiff on
 April 23.
 Other competitors in the South Wales
 Regional Final were: Michael Thorne,
 Richard Williams, Richard Morris, Barry
 Hiller, Andrew Lucey, Simon Badman,
 Jason Thomas, Matthew Trigg, Richard
 Hopwood and Chi Wong.



(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Rush (Liverpool)	23	4	27
Blissett (Watford)	20	3	23
Latchford (Swansea)	17	4	21
Wark (Ipswich)	16	3	19
Woodcock (Arsenal)	13	6	19
Dalglish (Liverpool)	17	1	18
Rowell (Sunderland)	16	2	18
Withe (Aston Villa)	15	2	17

Division Two

Lineker (Leicester)	22	0	22
Drinkell (Grimsby)	16	5	21
Davies (Fulham)	17	1	18
Glavin (Barnsley)	12	5	17
Hamilton (Burnley)	11	6	17
Keegan (Newcastle)	17	0	17
Eves (Wolves)	16	1	17

Division Three

Bell (Lincoln)	23	3	26
Tynan (Newport)	20	6	26
Hemmerman (Cardiff)	21	4	25
Campbell (Bradford)	19	5	24
Dixon (Reading)	23	0	23
Joseph (Brentford)	18	2	20
Randall (Bristol Rovers)	18	2	20
Biley (Portsmouth)	17	3	20
Elliott (Preston)	16	4	20
Edwards (Sheff. Utd.)	10	10	20

Division Four

Leslie (Wimbledon)	20	2	22
Massey (Northampton)	17	4	21
Quinn (Stockport)	20	0	20
Banton (Aldershot)	15	4	17
Rideout (Swindon)	16	3	19
Allinson (Colchester)	16	2	18
Rowland (Swindon)	14	4	18
Walwyn (York)	15	3	18

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

Nicholas (Celtic)	21	17	38
Dodds (Dundee Utd)	17	5	22
McGarvey (Celtic)	13	7	20
MacDonald (Rangers)	8	10	18
McGhee (Aberdeen)	13	4	17
Black (Aberdeen)	12	3	15
MacLeod (Celtic)	9	6	15

First Division

Brogan (St Johnstone)	22	10	32
Johnston (Partick)	15	12	27
O'Connor (Hearts)	14	6	20
Coyne (Clydebank)	17	2	19
Williamson (Clydebank)	16	3	19
Pettigrew (Hearts)	10	7	17

LEAGUE TABLES

Division One

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Liverpool	32	14	3	0	50	13	7	5	3	25
Watford	33	12	2	2	39	13	5	2	9	18
Man Utd	31	10	6	0	28	8	5	4	6	14
Aston Villa	33	12	2	2	39	14	3	2	11	10
Southampton	33	10	3	3	30	15	4	4	9	16
Ipswich	33	9	2	5	30	17	4	7	6	22
Stoke	33	11	3	3	31	17	3	3	10	16
West Brom	33	9	5	2	32	14	3	6	8	13
Tottenham	32	10	4	2	34	13	3	4	9	23
Nott'm For	33	9	3	4	25	13	4	4	9	18
Everton	33	9	5	2	34	17	3	4	10	16
Arsenal	32	8	5	3	28	17	4	4	8	16
Coventry	32	10	4	2	26	9	2	4	10	15
West Ham	32	9	3	4	32	18	4	1	11	16
Sunderland	32	7	6	3	25	16	4	4	8	15
Nott's C	34	9	3	5	30	21	3	2	12	17
Man City	34	8	5	2	33	16	2	1	12	18
Swansea	33	9	2	5	27	18	0	6	11	16
Luton	31	4	6	5	25	24	4	4	8	25
Birmingham	32	7	5	4	24	18	0	7	9	6
Norwich	32	5	4	5	22	15	1	5	10	13
Brighton	33	6	7	4	21	18	1	3	12	10

Division Two

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Q.P.R.	33	13	2	2	43	12	8	3	5	21
Wolves	33	12	2	2	37	12	5	7	4	20
Fulham	32	10	4	2	30	17	7	3	6	25
Leicester	33	9	2	6	32	14	6	4	6	27
Barnsley	32	9	6	1	32	16	4	4	8	17
Oldham	33	7	7	2	31	19	4	8	5	19
Leeds	32	7	6	2	22	15	4	9	4	21
Shrewsbury	33	7	5	3	16	11	6	3	8	25
Sheff. Wed	32	7	8	2	29	14	4	5	6	17
Newcastle	32	8	6	2	26	16	3	6	7	22
Grimsby	33	9	2	6	23	18	3	1	12	12
Blackburn	33	7	6	3	29	19	4	3	10	15
Carlisle	33	8	3	5	34	24	2	6	9	22
Chelsea	33	8	5	3	29	16	4	4	11	16
Bolton	33	9	1	6	27	21	1	7	9	11
Cambridge	33	9	6	2	23	13	0	3	13	10
Middlesbrough	33	6	6	4	22	25	2	6	9	15
Charlton	33	8	2	6	27	24	2	4	11	19
Crystal P.	32	7	6	3	22	15	1	5	10	10
Rotherham	33	5	5	7	17	23	3	6	7	16
Derby	32	4	8	4	20	21	2	7	16	23
Bury	30	8	3	5	21	19	1	2	11	14

Division Three

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Portsmouth	36	13	2	2	32	14	8	5	6	24
Newport	37	11	6	2	34	16	9	2	7	32
Cardiff	37	13	4	1	33	12	7	4	8	29
Huddersfield	36	11	6	0	44	14	6	5	8	23
Lincoln	37	14	0	5	47	19	5	5	8	19
Bristol Rov	35	13	3	2	48	16	5	3	9	26
Oxford	36	9	8	0	34	16	7	2	10	25
Southend	37	10	5	4	38	24	5	5	8	19
Plymouth	36	13	1	4	32	18	3	5	10	20
Sheff Utd	34	12	3	3	35	16	3	4	9	14
Brentford	37	12	3	4	43	22	2	5	11	24
Wrexham	36	11	4	3	35	15	1	9	8	14
Brad City	36	9	6	3	33	21	3	5	10	20
Bournemouth	37	8	5	5	26	15	4	5	10	19
Gillingham	37	8	3	7	27	26	4	6	9	17
Wigan	35	9	2	8	30	29	4	3	9	20
Walsall	35	10	4	4	26	17	1	7	9	18
Exeter	38	10	4	5	41	32	1	7	11	27
Orient	36	8	6	3	32	30	4	1	12	12
Reading	38	8	6	5	31	24	1	8	10	22
Chesterfield	37	6	6	7	27	22	2	6	10	13
Doncaster	36	5	8	5	35	35	2	3	13	16
Preston	35	5	9	2	23	14	2	2	15	19
Millwall	34	6	6	4	26	21	0	4	14	16

Division Four

	HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A
Hull	37	12	6	1	42	11	8	6	4	21
Wimbledon	35	12	3	2	41	20	9	5	4	27
Port Vale	35	13	3	2	31	10	7	5	5	23
Bury	38	12	4	3	38	16	7	6	6	27
Colchester	36	13	5	0	40	15	5	4	9	18
Scunthorpe	35	9	6	6	27	10				
Sheff Wed	36	13	3	3	48	19	3	7	9	32
Swindon	35	10	2	4	33	17	4	7	8	21
Peterboro	35	9	5	4	25	15	3	7	7	15
Halifax	36	8	5	5	25	17	5	4	9	23
Chester	37	7	4	8	25	21	6	4	8	23
Mansfield	36	9	3	6	22	20	3	5	9	21
Torquay	35	10	3	5	32	23	3	11	12	29
York	35	10	4	5	27	18	3	7	8	24
Bristol City	37	8	5	5	25	20	2	8	9	31
Tranmere	37	8	5	5	27	23	4	11	4	17
Northampton	37	8	4	3	36	24	2	11	8	39
Aldershot	37	8	4	6	25	27	2	10	13	35
Blackpool	35	9	3	6	26	16	2	12	13	32
Darlington	35	5	5	7	21	28	0	5	9	28
Rochdale	35	5	5	7	23	18	0	5	12	30
Hartlepool	37	9	4	5	31	27	2	15	5	45
Crow	36	7	5	7	19	29	2	12	13	37
Hereford	37	7	6	17	17	2	2	15	17	45
Blackpool two points deducted.										

ABERDEEN can go all the way and become Scotland's first winners in Europe for 11 years.

The last team to win were Rangers, who lifted the European Cup Winners' Cup back in 1972. Veteran goalkeeper Peter McCloy is the only surviving member of that side still playing for the club and he believes 'The Dons' can emulate their achievement.

He says: "Aberdeen have all the attributes to do well in Europe. The balance and blend is just right. I expect them to reach the Final and win it."

"The young players have had a couple of seasons in the team together and they are now looking very mature."

"They are strong in midfield and very tight at the back. I regard Jim Leighton as one of the top six goalkeepers in Britain."

The first leg of the Semi-Final against Waterschei of Belgium is at Pittodrie on Wednesday evening and Peter says: "It's important that Aberdeen don't concede a goal."

Peter believes Aberdeen will be happy with a 1-0 home win. "They are equipped to hit teams on the break and capable of scoring away from home," he says.

"It will be up to players like Gordon Strachan, Mark McGhee and Peter Weir to create the openings up front, but they've got the skill to crack any defence."

"I've also been impressed with young striker Eric Black. He's one of the best headers of the ball I've seen. He seems to hang in the air waiting for it."

"I'm sure Aberdeen would have preferred to have played

DONS CAN END THE DROUGHT

BRITAIN'S chances of European glory this season now rest solely with Aberdeen in the Cup Winners Cup.

'Match' looks ahead to their Semi-Final clash with Waterschei through the eyes of a man who knows what it takes to be a Euro' winner.

the home tie last. At that stage you know what you've got to do and the crowd are behind you.

"But I'll be rooting for them because I'd love to see a Scottish team lift a European trophy. We've been in the doldrums for a long time and a victory like that would be a tremendous boost."

"It would also be good to see a club from outside Glasgow taste some success in Europe," says Peter.

"Although I believe Aberdeen can win the tie, it would be silly to underestimate the Belgians. Just because they are supposed to be part-timers doesn't mean they will be an easy touch."

"They didn't reach this stage of a European competition without

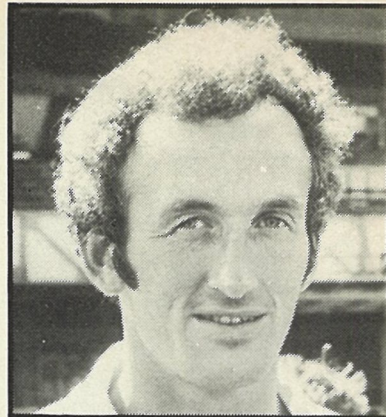
being a good side. They are there on merit."

"Rangers managed to avoid Belgian teams in Europe — our run-ins were usually against German sides, but most teams from that country are big and strong."

Peter admits that he thought Aberdeen were as good as out of Europe when they were 2-1 down in the second leg of the Quarter-Final against Bayern Munich with just 14 minutes to go.

He says: "I never thought the Germans would surrender the lead at that late stage. It was most unlike them."

"They fell for a sucker free-kick and lost their concentration



Peter McCloy — "Aberdeen can give Scottish football a tremendous boost."

sufficiently for Aberdeen to score another goal within a minute.

"That game at Pittodrie typified the way Aberdeen play. Even when they look down and out they never give up. They keep running for the full 90 minutes."

The spadework for a place in the last four was done in Germany, when the Scottish side shocked Europe by holding Bayern to a 0-0 draw. "That was when people started looking up and asking who Aberdeen were," says Peter.

By a strange coincidence Rangers also beat mighty Bayern on the way to victory in the European Cup Winners' Cup. They won 3-1 on aggregate in the Semi-Final.

"The team had six members of the strong West German national team and included such world stars as Gerd Muller, Franz Beckenbauer and Uli Hoeness," remembers Peter.

"At that time, just like this season, Bayern were one of the favourites to win the trophy. That victory gave us a tremendous confidence booster. I'm sure it will have had the same effect on Aberdeen."

Rangers beat Russian side Dynamo Moscow 3-2 in the Final in Barcelona and Peter says: "That night was the most memorable of my career."

"It's a pity that we weren't able to do a lap of honour because of a pitch invasion. If Aberdeen win the trophy I hope they get their chance of going round the ground with the trophy."

Peter soon hopes to be able to re-live Rangers glory night, because he expects to be able to obtain a video recording of the game soon.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the game again. It will really bring the memories flooding back."



It's there! The ball's in the Bayern net from the head of Alex McLeish (out of picture) and Aberdeen are on their way to a sensational 3-2 Quarter-Final victory. Don't miss 'Golden Goal' on Page 15.

BELGIAN'S KSV Waterschei Thor only have three full-time professionals on their books and the team comprises mainly of miners and car workers.

But Aberdeen will do well not to underestimate them. In the Quarter-Finals they beat French club Paris St Germain — the team which knocked out First Division Swansea in the Second Round earlier this season.

Waterschei have never won the Belgian Championship, although they have lifted the Cup twice in the last three years.

The club are based in Genk — the same

THE OPPOSITION

city as Winterslag, who shot to fame last season when they knocked mighty Arsenal out of the UEFA Cup.

There are no big name stars at the club — Waterschei failed to supply one member of Belgium's World Cup squad — and their best known player is former Belgian international Eddy Voordeckers.

He used to play for Standard Liege and is one of the full-timers at the club. The others

are Larus Godmundsson, an Iceland international, and skipper Pierre Janssen.

Another highly rated player is striker Karel Berger, who spent most of his career with West German clubs Stuttgart and Fortuna Cologne. In fact he still lives in Cologne and travels to Belgium each week for the games.

To add a really international flavour the club are managed by a West German, Ernst Kunnecke. He has made his living in Belgium for the last ten years.

With nine matches to go in the Belgian League, Waterschei were placed fifth — six points behind leaders Anderlecht.



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BACK ROW (left to right) — John McEachern, John McCormack, Philip McAveety, Jackie Copland, Campbell Money, Billy Thomson, Billy Stark, Mark Fulton, Doug Somner, David Walker.
MIDDLE ROW — John Tierney (physio — no longer at the club), Willie Abercromby, Tom Wilson, Alan Logan, Eamonn O'Neill, Stephen Clarke, John Mallin (no longer at the club).

Fraser Campbell, Robert Docherty, Ian Scanlon, Edward McDonald (trainer).
FRONT ROW — Rikki McFarlane (manager), Robert Courser, Stuart Sorbie, Gardner Speirs, Lex Richardson, Frank McAvennie, Russell Doig, Tony Fitzpatrick, Frank McDougall, Erik Sorensen (coach).

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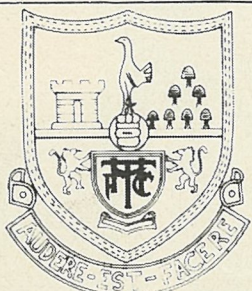


Pierre Littbarski — wanted by Juventus — is hugged by West German team-mate Karl-Heinz Rummenigge following the 2-1 victory over England at Wembley.

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 ■ RUSSIAN World Cup star Oleg Blokhin is being linked with Real Madrid and St Etienne.

The Spanish giants are chasing the 30-year-old striker to replace luckless former England winger Laurie Cunningham, while French aces St Etienne are looking for a big name capture to boost their flagging fortunes.

But now that Oleg has just become a father, it is expected that he may now stay in Russia with Dynamo Kiev.



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HAVING been spurned by West German star Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, European Cup favourites Juventus are now being linked with two of his international team-mates, Uli Stielike and Pierre Littbarski.

Cologne winger Pierre, who was instrumental in setting up Rummenigge's two goals against England at Wembley last October, has made no secret of the fact that he would be tempted by a lucrative move outside Germany.

Meanwhile, hard-man defender Uli is expected to leave Spanish giants Real Madrid when his contract expires at the end of the season.

Although he is keen to return to West Germany for family reasons, rumours are rife that he might be exchanged for Juventus defender Claudio Gentile.

But all this speculation surrounding Juventus and the West German connection, arouses doubts about the futures of their newest imports, France's Michel Platini and Poland's Zbigniew Boniek.

Ironically, Michel is enjoying his best spell with Juventus since his summer move from St Etienne.

He was outstanding in the European Cup Quarter-Final against Aston Villa, scoring twice in Turin and setting up the winner for Boniek at Villa Park in the first leg victory.

And he also scored with a stunning

ITALY LURES LITTBARSKI

■ GERIE Muhren, older brother of Manchester United's Dutch star Arnold, has signed a four-year contract with Spanish club Betis Sevilla as a player and youth coach.

Gerrie, now 37, will join Betis in the summer. He played for them between 1976 and 1979 and says: "The offer they made me was a fantastic one and I would have been crazy to turn it down."

The former Ajax player is currently in Holland with DS'79.

MENOTTI'S WARNING

FORMER Argentina boss Cesar Luis Menotti, now in charge of Spanish giants Barcelona, has launched a blistering attack on the country he led to the World Championship nearly five years ago.

He has left his homeland without any regrets and he doesn't plan to return unless there are major changes.

"Until Argentine football can really change its image — when people stop throwing bombs in stadiums and players stop worrying about their water being poisoned — I don't intend to work in Argentina," says the chain-smoking manager who took

over from Udo Lattek last month.

"It's a firm and final decision on my part and I don't intend to go back on my word."

■ WIM van Hanegem, the 39-year-old Feyenoord and former Holland star, says goodbye to football on Saturday, June 4, by wearing the orange shirt of Holland in his testimonial match against his club colleagues.

He will line up alongside star names like Johan Cruyff, Ruud Krol, Johan Neeskens, Johnny Rep and Rob Rensenbrink, who were in the Holland side beaten by West Germany in the 1974 World Cup Final.

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE



free-kick as Juventus won 2-1 away to leaders Roma before a crowd of more than 80,000.

He claimed it was one of the 'most memorable spells of his life'.

"We have a lot of work to make up the three points on Roma at the top of the league, but we have a great chance of winning the European Cup," he says.

With a contract ensuring him of at least £350,000 a year for the next four years, it's little wonder that Rummenigge is expected to stay at home with Bayern Munich.

Still in Germany, World Cup star Didier Six is set to become one of the best-ever French exports and the first to win domestic honours in that country.

The man who missed a vital penalty in the Semi-Final 'shoot-out' with West Germany in Spain, is spearheading a Stuttgart side that is on course to complete the Bundesliga 'double'.

"We've got a good chance of success this season with two routes into Europe for next season still open for us and I'm very happy," he says.

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"Okay, I'm only 27, but I'm going back to Denmark this summer to continue my studies in literature and then I'm going to do all I can to become a journalist."

Hamburg are sorry, to say the least. But they do admire his honesty at a time when he could be playing football with Deutschmarks as the end product.

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LUTON outcast Billy Kellock knew almost from the moment he walked into Kenilworth Road that his face didn't fit.

A close-season signing from Wellingborough, Fourth Division Peterborough, he was looking forward to the top displaying his skill in the first team. But things didn't work out that way.

And now, after nine months of reserve team doldrums, it's time to the move again — this time to Second Division promotion hopefuls Wolves.

Following his £20,000 move to Molineux, Billy looked back on his spell at Luton and declared: "I wasted my time there, a part of things. I never really felt at home very soon. In fact, I told my friend I couldn't be at Luton very long."

"I never played a full first team game and I had a feeling very early on that it wasn't going to work out."

"I was left out of photograph sessions and I was never included if the manager took the players away for a few days."

"On one occasion, when we arrived at the airport to leave for a pre-season tour of Sweden, I discovered the club had forgotten to put my name on the list. It was little things like that which made me realise I didn't fit in."

Billy insists there was no bad feeling between himself and the club. "The only problem was with the manager, David Pleat," he says.

"He never gave me a chance to prove myself in the first team. Whether he felt I wasn't good enough, I don't know, but it became obvious I wasn't going to get a game."

"I was unhappy playing in the reserves... performing in front of three men and a dog can be demoralising."

"But the lads at Luton were fantastic and it was them who kept me going."

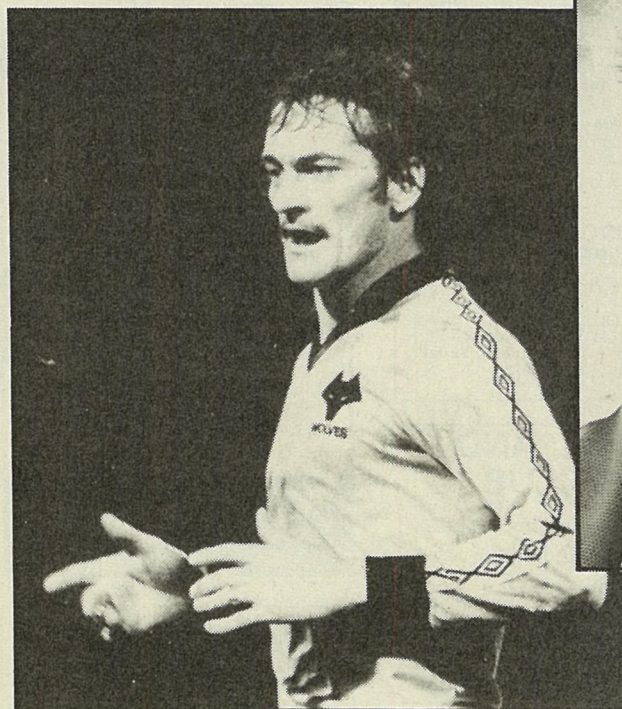
"I've wasted almost a year but now I'm hoping to make up for lost time."

Billy admits that Wolves' interest took him somewhat by surprise, however.

"I was expecting to play in yet another reserve game for Luton against QPR when Wolves chairman Derek Dougan phoned and asked me to go up and see

THROWN TO THE WOLVES!

OUTCAST BILLY SIGNS FOR 'THE DOOG'



Above: Billy Kellock — "I wasted my time at Luton and I'm delighted to have joined Wolves."

Left: Kenny Hibbitt — Billy will be linking up with him in midfield as Wolves push for promotion.

him," he recalls.

"He asked me if I fancied moving to Molineux and I have to admit that I didn't take much persuading."

"I was very impressed with the set-up. The club is ambitious and I was only too happy to sign," says Billy, who marked his debut for Wanderers with a late equaliser in

the 1-1 League draw at Derby.

It's not the first time Billy has worked with Derek Dougan. The former Wolves player signed him when he was in charge of non-League Kettering.

"He bought me from Chelmsford a few years ago and, although he only stayed a year, he obviously

knows what I can do," says Billy.

"In fact he tried to bring me to Wolves at the start of the season, but Luton wanted too much money and the deal fell through."

"I'm delighted to be part of such a big club. Wolves are a First Division set-up and hopefully that's where we will be playing next season."

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"At the time of buying that first copy of 'Match', my programme collection had remained virtually untouched except for the addition of the occasional game that I managed to see.

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Apart from being the first Final played at Wembley, it was unique for the sight of a police horse on the pitch helping

restore order after crowds had spilled over from the terraces.

It's worth around £100, and Peter Briggs, of Preston, has a mint condition original copy in his collection.

And Peter also asked us to value two other Cup Final programmes.

The 1948 Final when Manchester United defeated Blackpool 4-2 is worth around £25, while the Stanley Matthews Final of 1953 when Blackpool beat Bolton is fetching around £14.

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KEITH Aston thought he might have stumbled across a valuable find when he discovered two Newport County programmes with the same date but against different opposition.

The home matches against Torquay and Rochdale are both dated Saturday, April 5, 1980, but the Rochdale dateline should have been April 12, 1980.

The programmes were printed around the same time and the dateline was left on in error.

But with 3,000 or 4,000 having been printed with the wrong dateline, Keith, of Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran, wouldn't get more than the face value of the programmes if he decided to sell them.

Suffolk programme dealer Steve Earl, who collects mis-printed programmes, explains: "If there had only been a few mis-printed, then they would have been quite valuable, but with several thousand in circulation, they are worth

nothing more than the cover price of 20p."

But Keith has more luck with his copy of Celtic's European Cup Final against Inter-Milan in Lisbon in 1967 because that is now worth around £6.

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LINCOLN reader Mark Dewell wants the value of two England programmes, one of them an Amateur international against Ireland played at Lincoln's Sincil Bank.

That was played in 1953 and is worth around £2, while England's Home Championship clash with Scotland in 1948 is valued at £6.50.

England actually lost that match 3-1, their goal coming from Newcastle star Jackie Milburn.

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THE favourite programme in Richard Mallison's 450-strong collection is a 1951 Festival of Britain match between Doncaster Rovers and Maltese side Floriana.

"It's in mint condition and contains many photographs and lots of reading," says Richard, of Bradford.

Well, Richard, it's not worth a fortune, but you would get around £1.75 if you decided to sell it.

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SOUTHPORT and Barrow are two former members of the Football League who are now playing in the Northern Premier and Alliance Leagues respectively.

Telford reader Ian Pountney has a programme featuring a League clash between the clubs back in 1967.

The programme cost the equivalent of 2½p at the match, but it's value has now risen to around £1.50.

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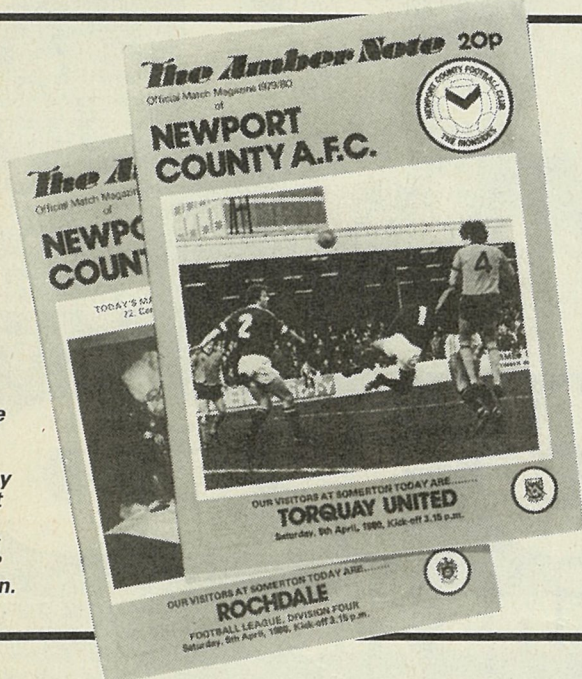
THE programme for Arsenal's European Fairs Cup Final, second leg clash with Anderlecht in 1970 is now worth around £5.

Rocky Tampin, of Cowley, Oxford, asked us to value that programme, along with two others featuring Manchester United and Tottenham in European competitions.

Tottenham's European Cup Semi-Final, second leg clash with Benfica in 1962 is worth £2.25, while Manchester United's 1968 European Cup Semi-Final against Real Madrid can be purchased for 50p.

ASK THE EXPERT

The programme covers of two different Newport County matches... but the dateline is the same. What are they worth? asks Keith Aston.



OFFER: Manchester United v Aston Villa (1970-71 League Cup Semi-Final, first leg).

WANTS: Aston Villa away matches at West Brom (1973-74), Oldham and Hartlepool (1974-75) or the League Cup Semi-Final at Chester in 1974-75. Robert Garratt, 21 Dyas Road, Great Barr, Birmingham.

OFFER: Eight First Division programmes from recent seasons.

WANTS: Aston Villa v Sunderland and Sunderland v Ipswich from this season. Nigel West, 6 Milford Close, High Shincliffe, County Durham.

OFFER: Dutch First Division programmes from Ajax, AZ 67, Feyenoord and Haarlem.

WANTS: Any English League programmes. Jeroen Jansen, Hondsbos 51, 2036 KR, Haarlem, Holland.

OFFER: Liverpool v Real Madrid (1981 European Cup Final).

WANTS: Both legs of Liverpool v Bruges in 1976 UEFA Cup Final. Amarjet Purba, 18a Broadheld Barton, Broadfield, Crawley, West Sussex.

OFFER: Ninety programmes, mainly First Division, and 1980 and 1982 FA Cup Finals.

WANTS: 1966 World Cup Final (original or reprint) and 30 Crystal Palace programmes before 1975. Chris Hill, 118 Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, Surrey.

OFFER: Liverpool v West Ham (1981 League Cup Final replay), Chelsea v Charlton from this season (Allan Simonsen's first match for Charlton). Bishop's Stortford v Middlesbrough (FA Cup).

WANTS: 1982 European Cup Final (Aston Villa v Bayern Munich) or 1983 European Super Cup, second leg (Aston Villa v Barcelona). Richard Tan, 102 Fairfield, Buntingford, Herts.

OFFER: Thirty assorted programmes. WANTS: Twenty Leeds programmes pre-1979.

Andrew Clarke, 75 Harehills Lane, Chapel Allerton, Leeds 7.

OFFER: Six assorted First Division programmes.

WANTS: 1981 League Cup Final replay (Liverpool v West Ham). Andrew Lee, 48 Donaghian Road, Garvaghey, Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

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● IF you're interested in last year's official World Cup programme printed in Arabic, then Bungay dealer Steve Earl is your man.

He's just obtained 2,000 of them from the English-based printers and he's selling them off at £1.50 each.

That's the same price as the English version which he obtained at the same time.

"I bought them in bulk, but I don't know how easy they will be to sell."

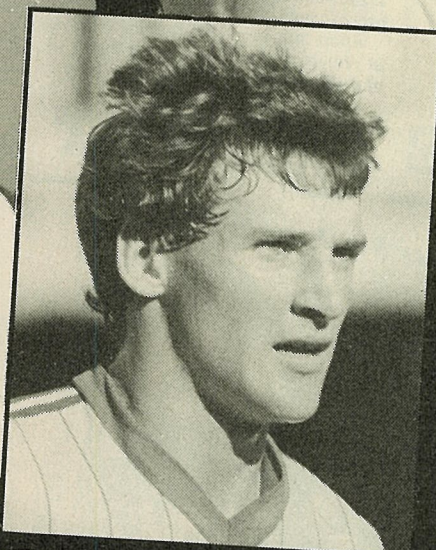
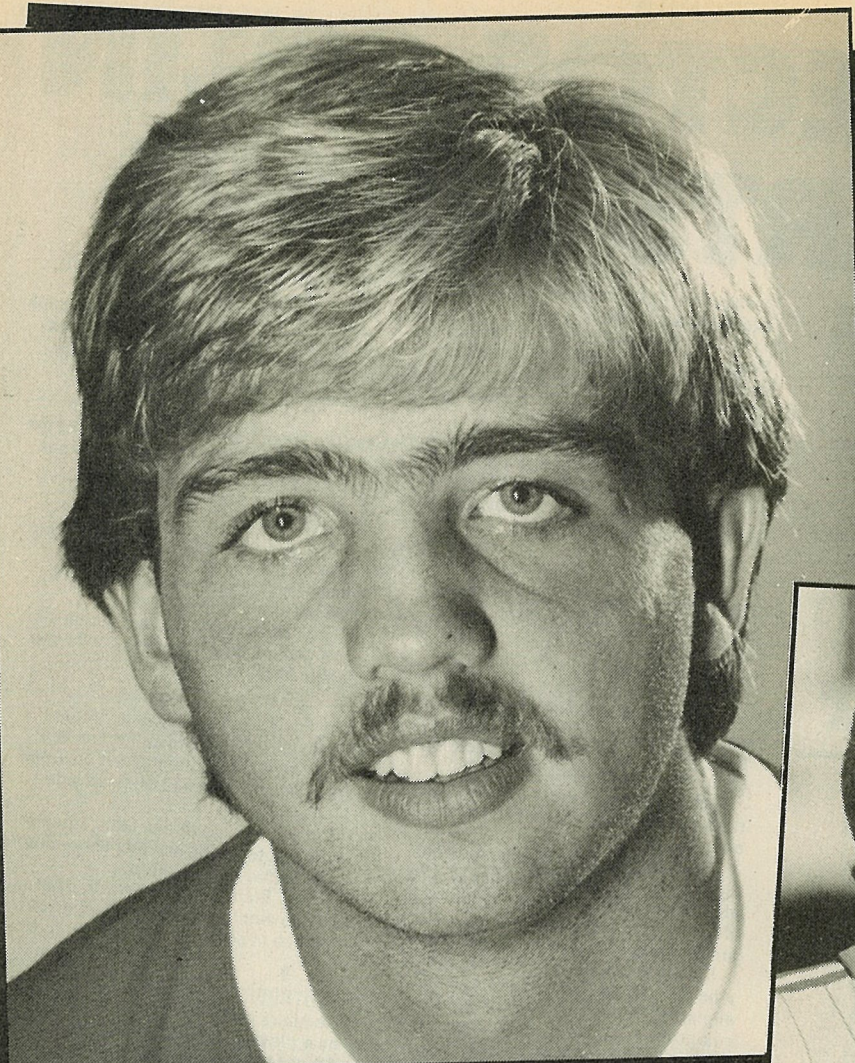
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Far left: Mick Halsall — delighted at the chance of first team football at Birmingham.

Kevin Sheedy of Everton (above) and Dave Watson of Norwich (left) — Mick Halsall is hoping to follow in their footsteps and make a name for himself in the First Division.

ROVING REDS

Mick joins the Anfield exiles

TWENTY one-year-old Mick Halsall has been handed the key of the door to success.

After more than four years in the reserves at Liverpool, he has the chance to make a First Division name for himself at struggling Birmingham.

And the latest player to come off the Liverpool production line is keen to emulate former Anfield colleagues, who left to find fame and fortune elsewhere.

Kevin Sheedy (Everton), Dave Watson (Norwich) and, more recently, Howard Gayle (Birmingham) all failed to make the Liverpool first team after coming up through the ranks.

But now they are all starring at their new clubs and Mick says: "I hope I can follow in their footsteps."

"I was sorry to leave Anfield, but I've always wanted to play in the First Division and I couldn't see that happening if I stayed."

"I joined Liverpool straight from school and couldn't have wished for a better start to my career."

"The staff and players there were tremendous and I learned a lot from them... I'm sure that will stand me in good stead at Birmingham," says Mick, who made his League debut against West Brom.

"It was incredible to think that one week I was in the reserves and the next I was playing in the First Division — everything happened so fast and it was difficult to take in."

Mick joined Birmingham on a free transfer on the recommendation of his former Liverpool team-mate Howard Gayle.

"Apparently Howard had a word with Birmingham boss Ron Saunders about me, and he came to watch me in a reserve game at Liverpool," recalls Mick.

"We beat Wolves 7-1 on the day and I thought I had quite a good game. Mr Saunders must have been impressed although I didn't know he was there at the time."

"The first I knew of his interest in me was a couple of days later, when I was about to go and watch Liverpool's European Cup clash with Widzew Lodz and someone at the club told me to phone Mr

Saunders.

"He said he was interested in signing me and I jumped at the chance... it's a great move for me."

Mick admits that he had been itching to move on for some time.

"I used to see Howard Gayle on occasions when he came back to Liverpool and he kept telling me how much he was enjoying himself at Birmingham," says the young full-back.

"It sounded great and I began to hope for a similar move... not realising I was to sign for the same club."

"Another thing that influenced my decision to leave was the fact that other lads I used to play with at Liverpool had left and done well."

"Kevin Sheedy, Dave Watson, Howard and myself were all good friends and so when they moved away and found success it made me think that I should do the same."

"And with there being so many good players at Liverpool I couldn't see myself making the first team — not unless there were about ten people injured."

Within days of signing for Birmingham Mick was playing in the Midlands derby game against West Brom. "I hardly slept a wink in the few days leading up to the game because I was so excited," he says.

"I wasn't expecting to play for the first team so soon, so I was desperately keen to do well and make a good impression."

"After playing reserve team football for the last four years I think it will take me a little time to adapt to the pace of the First Division, but I'm confident I can do it."

Birmingham's 2-0 defeat by West Brom put them even deeper into trouble at the foot of the table with less than a quarter of the season to go.

But despite the lowly position, Mick believes his new club is too good to go down. "There are a lot of excellent players here and everyone seems to have the right attitude to keep us up."

"Now I've made it to the First Division I want to stay for a while. I've got a lot to prove and I don't want to let anyone down."

IPSWICH fans have manager Bobby Ferguson to thank for Eric Gates' decision to stay at Portman Road.

Eric had been on the transfer list since the start of the season, but now he has pledged to remain at the Suffolk club.

And he told 'Match': "The manager did everything he could to keep me at Ipswich. I felt that I should reward his faith in me by coming off the list.

"Had it not been for him, I would probably be at another club now because there were a few interested, but Mr Ferguson flatly refused any offers that came along.

"Liverpool wanted me in a possible exchange deal, but he said no to that, and similar offers from Manchester City and Sunderland went the same way.

"Obviously I would have loved to have gone to a big club like Liverpool, but the terms weren't right as far as the manager was

GATEWAY TO EUROPE

Eric stays to boost Ipswich hopes



Eric Gates — "Liverpool wanted me in a possible exchange deal."

concerned and that's as close as I came to leaving.

"Looking back, I don't think I ever really wanted to leave and I'm still happy to be a part of Ipswich Town Football Club."

Eric was not the only unsettled player at Ipswich. Alan Brazil made no secret of the fact that he fancied a fresh challenge and he consequently moved to Spurs.

But Eric reveals that both himself and Alan had resigned themselves to staying at Portman Road. "It came to the stage where we both felt we wanted to stay and were convinced we would be here for another couple of seasons."

Eric went on the transfer list in September because he was unhappy and felt he needed a new challenge.

"Things weren't going too well at the club and I felt there was only one way Ipswich could go... and that was down," he explains.

The club placed a £500,000 price tag on the Geordie striker and he told 'Match' at the time: "No-one has that sort of money around anymore, so it was not going to help me get away quickly."

But now his only concern is to help lift a club which is going through its worst spell for years.

"The club has been having a bad time of late and a number of top players have already left," he says.

"First Arnie Muhren left, then Mick Mills and now Alan Brazil has gone. It also looks as though Frans Thijssen will be leaving so I thought I would give the club a boost by coming off the list.

"Obviously we miss those players, but there's still a lot of talent at the club and the future looks bright."

Everyone at Ipswich began the season with high hopes of lifting a trophy, but things soon turned sour.

"We were knocked out of both domestic cup competitions very early on and everything began to go horribly wrong," says Eric.

"It's been a very disappointing season for us but I think we have weathered the storm and things are starting to look up.

"We still have a chance of qualifying for Europe next season and I'm personally confident we can do that."

Eric has been out of action through injury for the last two months and he says: "I broke the big toe on my right foot during the Atari six-a-side tournament at Birmingham just after Christmas and couldn't train for about four weeks.

"After that, I played a couple of reserve games to regain match fitness and was about to make my first team comeback when I injured my back.

"It's been a very frustrating season for me in one way or another, but I'm looking forward to getting back in the action very soon."

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FULL NAME: Derek Edward Scott.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Gateshead, February 8, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5 ft 9 ins/11 st 8 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Gill.
CHILDREN: Christopher (3).
CAR: Morris Marina.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Joined Burnley from school.
NICKNAME AT CLUB AND WHY: 'Scotty' and occasionally 'Dagger' after Kenny Dalglish.
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken foot in December 1980.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Bryan Robson for his tremendous dedication and application to the game.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Newcastle United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge for his all-round ability.
BEST CURRENT BRITISH TEAM: Shilton, McGrain, Sansom, Evans, Lawrenson, Coppell, Robson, Souness, Dalglish, Hamilton, Rush.
BEST CURRENT INTERNATIONAL XI: Shilton (England), Kaltz (W. Germany), Junior (Brazil), Tardelli (Italy), Forster B. (W. Germany), Zico, Socrates (both Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Boniek (Poland), Rossi (Italy), Rummenigge (W. Germany).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: St James Park.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Olympic Stadium, Berlin, when I was still at school.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Portsmouth last season when I flicked the ball over a defender's head and volleyed it home with my left foot.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Kenny Dalglish's for Scotland against Belgium this season in the European Championship.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All the Liverpool team.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our win over Liverpool in the second leg of the Milk Cup Semi-Final.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring the winning goal against Liverpool in the above match and winning a Division Three Championship medal last season.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing on aggregate to Liverpool in this season's Milk Cup Semi-Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Snooker and tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good results and playing well.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long coach journeys, losing and unpunctuality.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Hill Street Blues.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Quincy.
FAVOURITE READING: Newspapers.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Bryan Ferry.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak, chips and mushrooms.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Coffee and lager shandy.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson and Linda Evans.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: American Werewolf in London.
BEST FRIEND: All of my family.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Dave Merrington (ex-Burnley) and former Burnley manager Brian Miller.



DEREK SCOTT BURNLEY

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: People knocking the game and bad losers.
SUPERSTITIONS: I always fasten my right boot last.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Scrambled eggs and sausage.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England schoolboys.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy, healthy and successful.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To see Burnley back in the First Division.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I've no idea at the moment.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Team-mate Trevor Steven.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Bryan Ferry.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Be confident in your own ability and listen to older players' advice.

Derek Scott

Right: Derek Scott's favourite foreign player Karl-Heinz Rummenigge — he has good all-round ability.

